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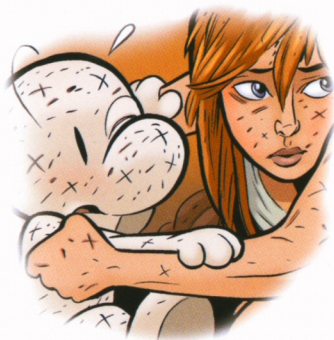
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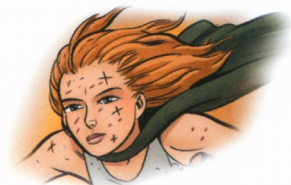


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BOWE

THORN?

ARE YOU
OKAY?
WAKE UP!

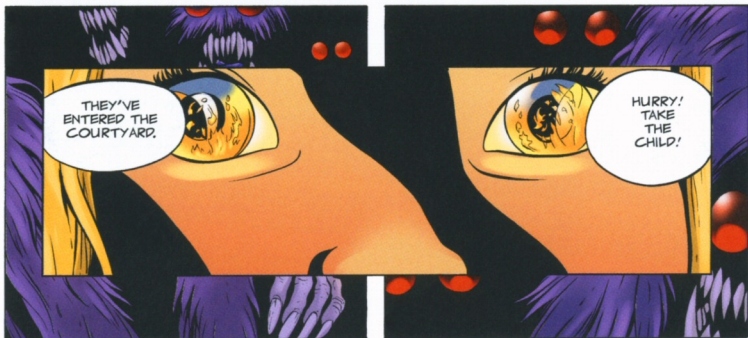
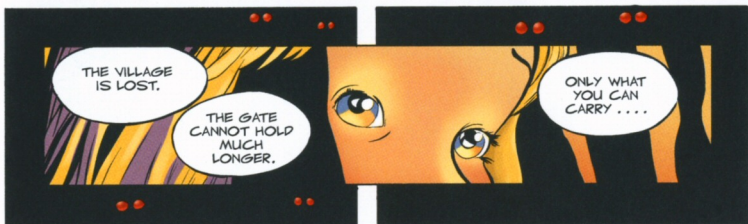
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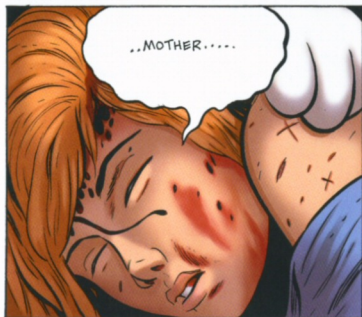
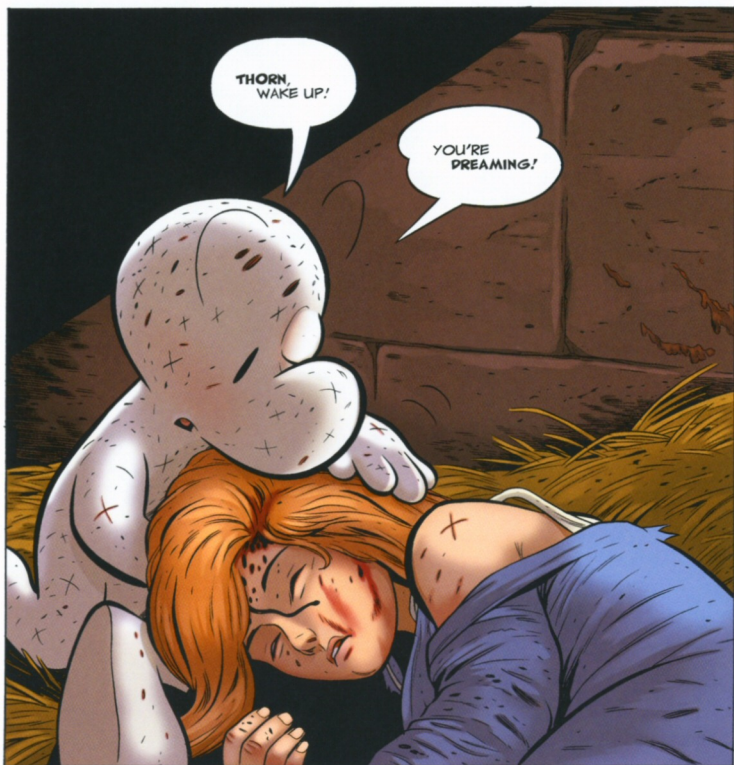
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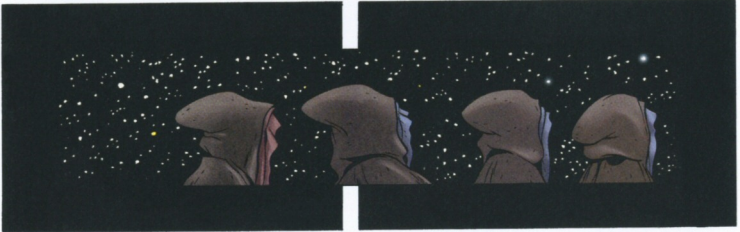
SNICK SKRITCH
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THE DUNGEON & THE PARAPET

YOU MUST TURN
BACK.
I WILL GO
ON WITH THE GIRL.

HURRY!
HE
IS WAITING!



CROWN OF HORNS



THE DUNGEON & THE PARAPET





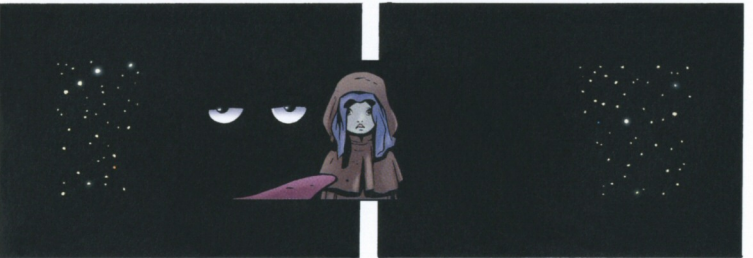
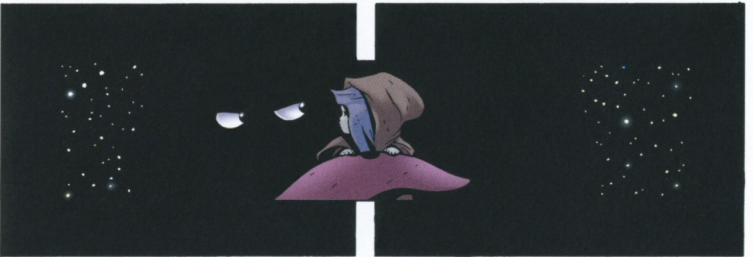
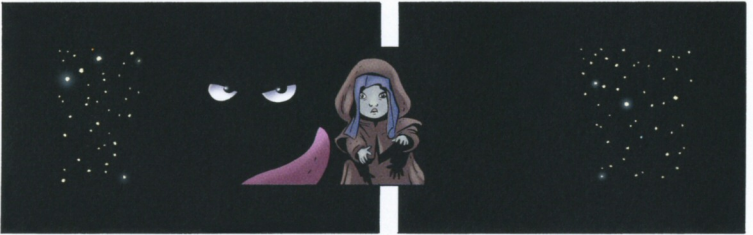
YOU MUST GO INTO DEREN GARD.
YOU WILL BE SAFE THERE UNTIL I
CAN RETURN.



DO NOT
FOLLOW ME.



THE DUNGEON & THE PARAPET

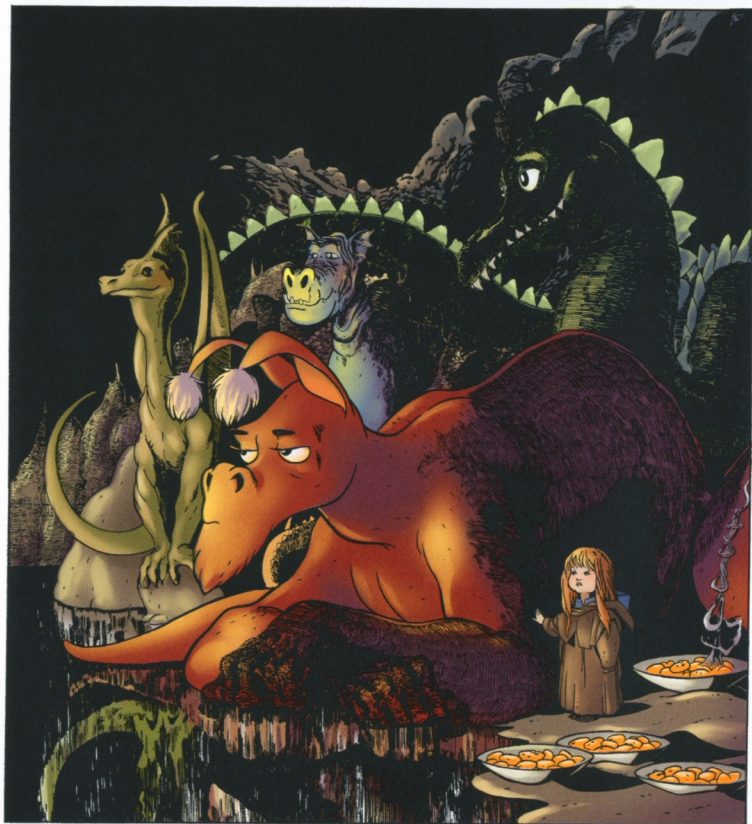





THE DUNGEON & THE PARAPET

WE STILL HAVE A LONG
WAY TO GO. YOU MAY
CLIMB ON MY BACK.







WHAT DO YOU SEE
OVER THERE ...

IN THE
LIGHT?

IT IS TOO BRIGHT.
I CANNOT SEE ANYTHING.

WAIT... I SEE
A WATERFALL.

BUT IT IS
FROZEN.



ARE YOU
SURE?

NO.

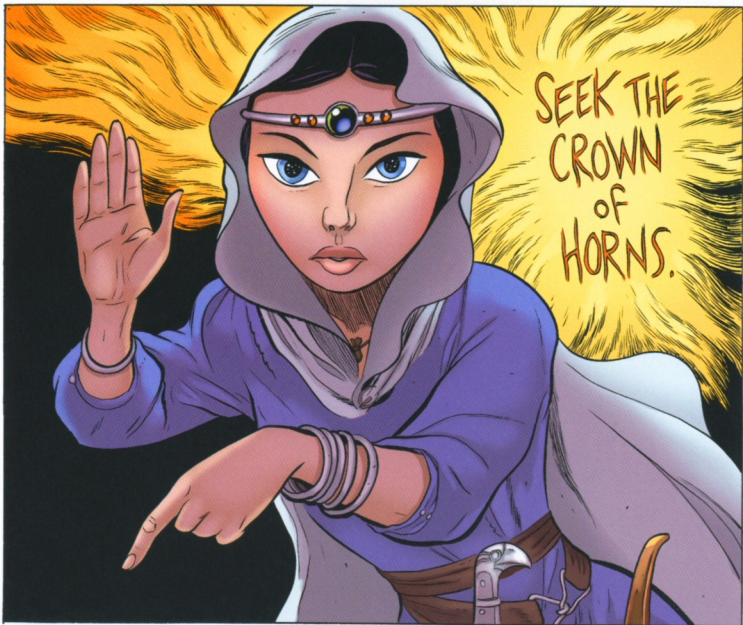


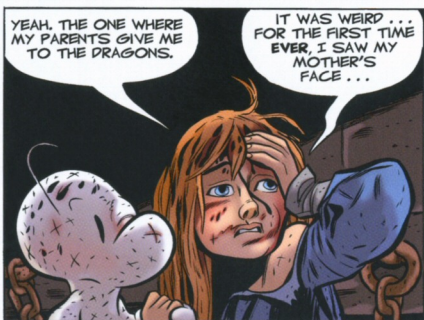
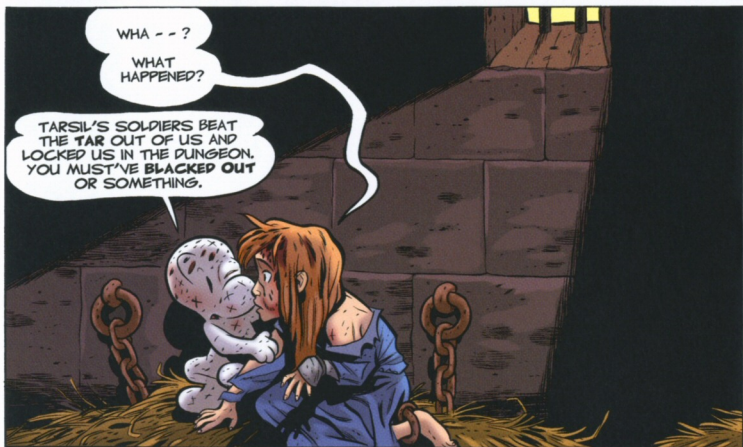
WHAT ELSE
DO YOU
SEE?

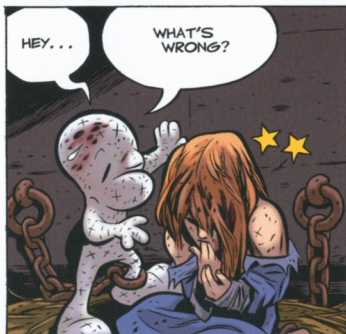
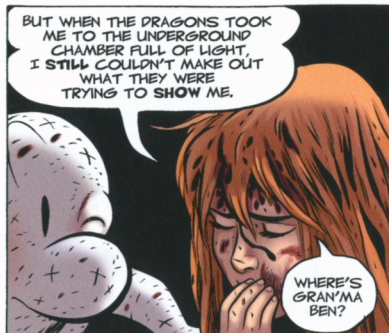
WHY DO YOU
FORCE ME TO
LOOK, DRAGON?
I TOLD YOU
IT IS TOO
BRIGHT TO
SEE.



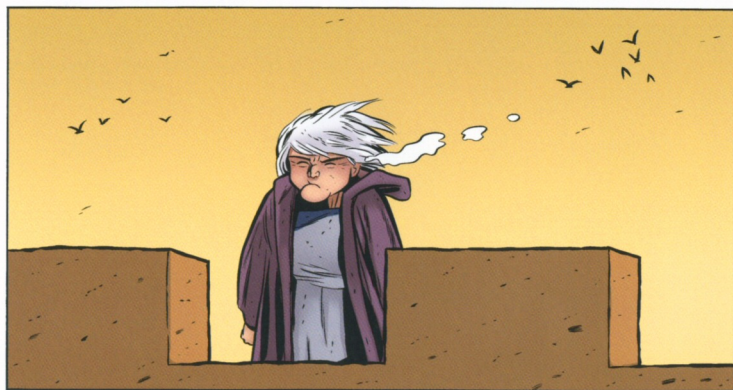
PERHAPS
YOU HAVE
SEEN
EVERYTHING.











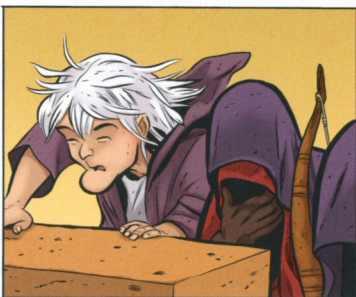
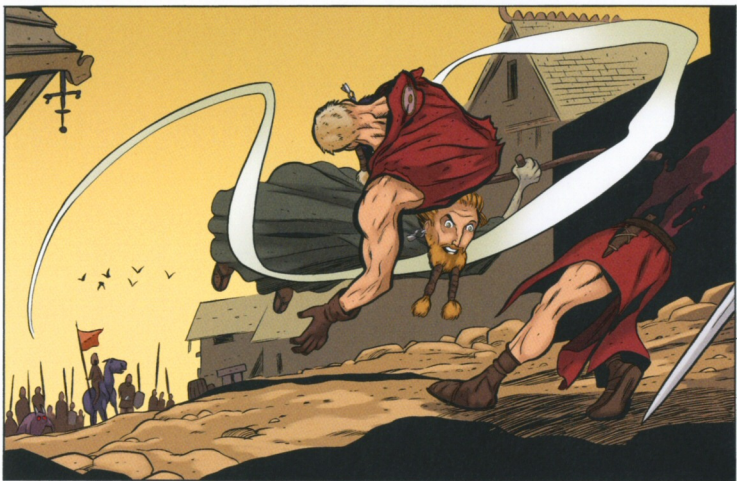












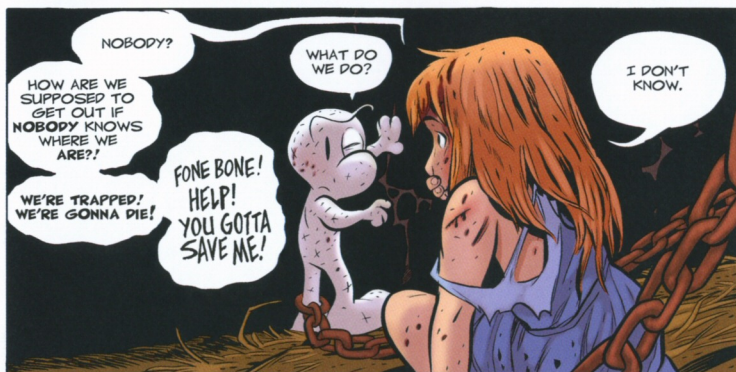


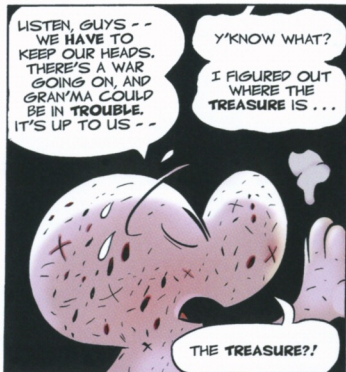


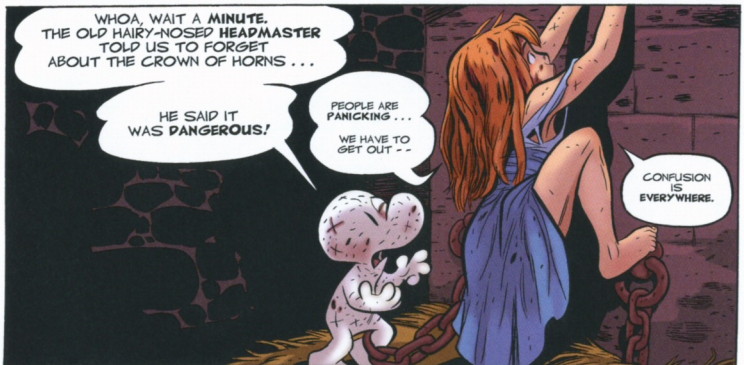
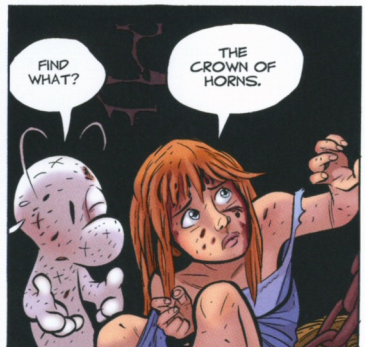
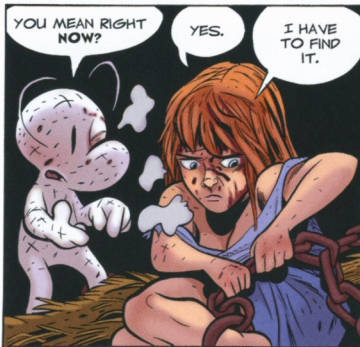
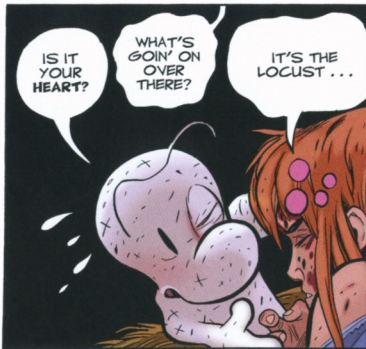




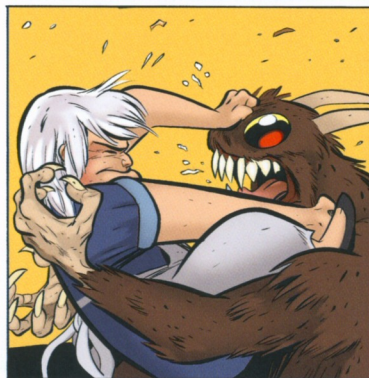








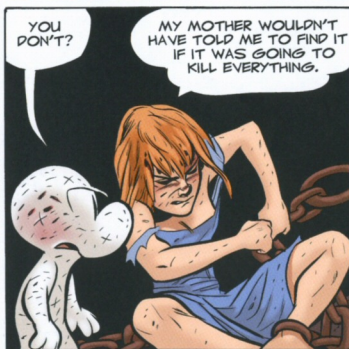
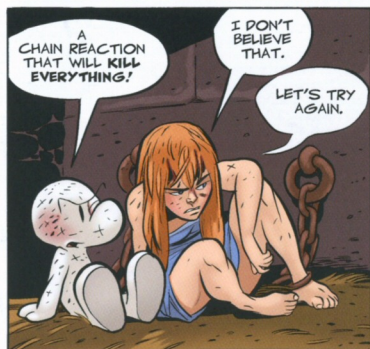
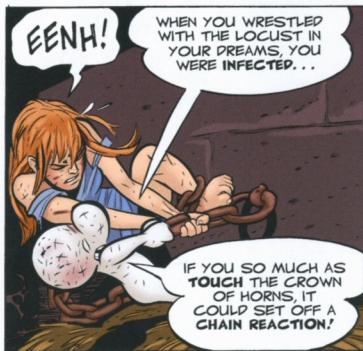
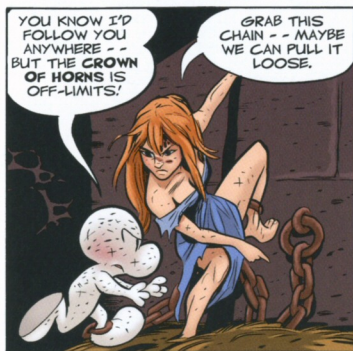


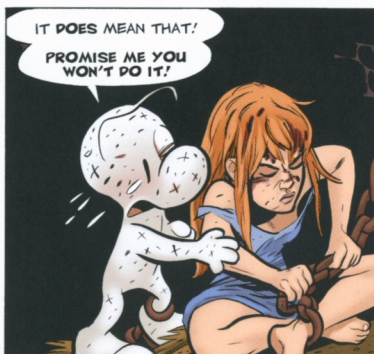
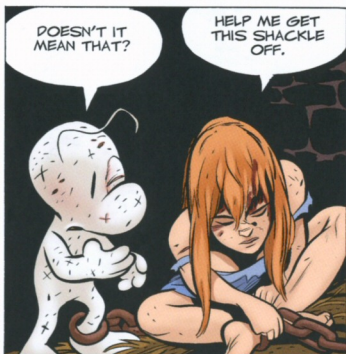
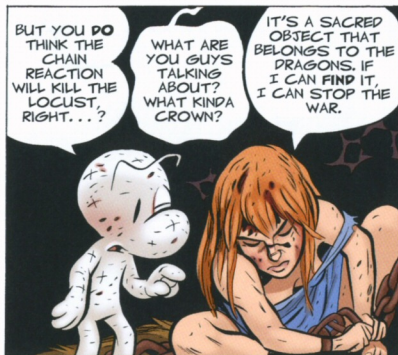


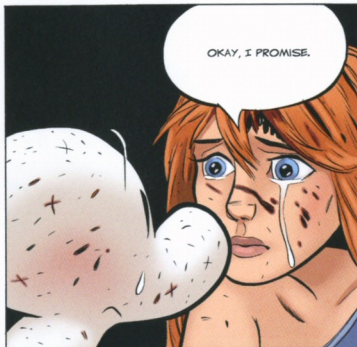
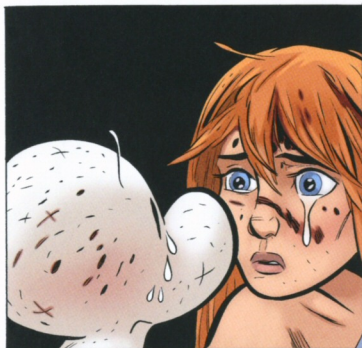
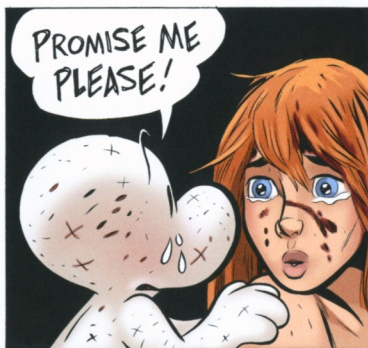
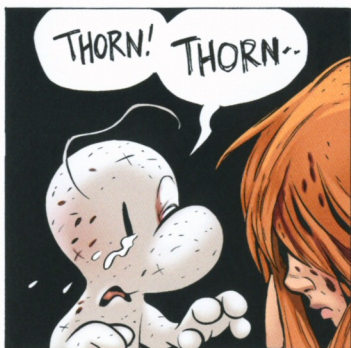


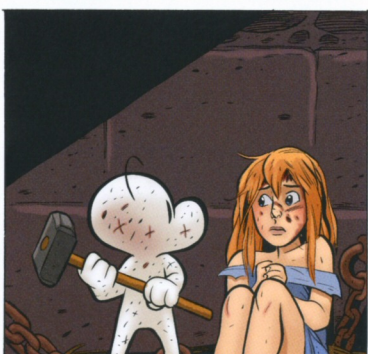
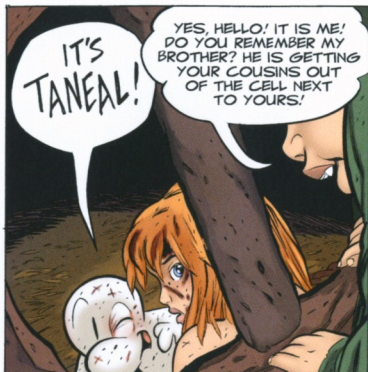


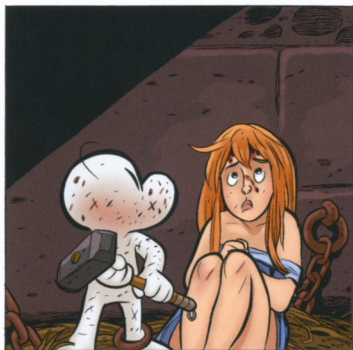


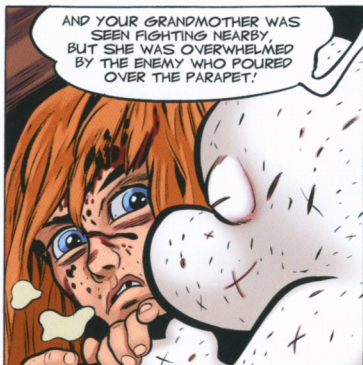
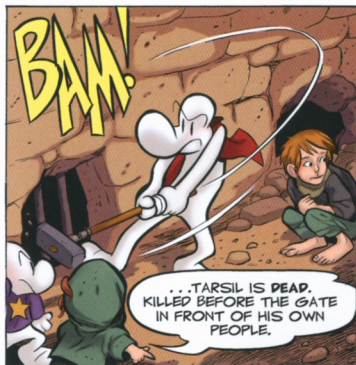








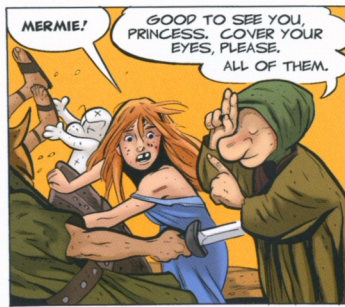
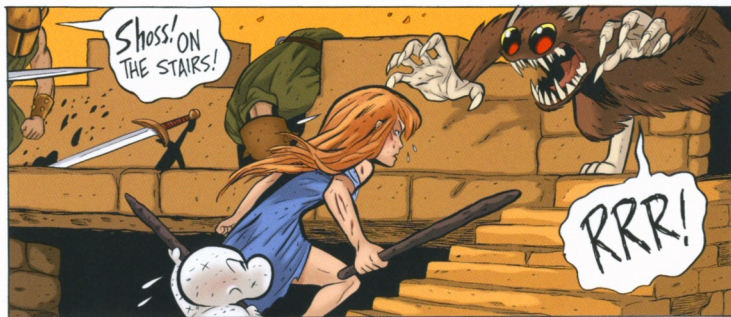


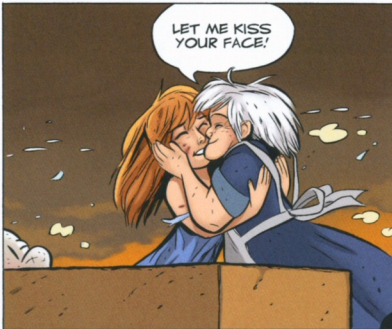
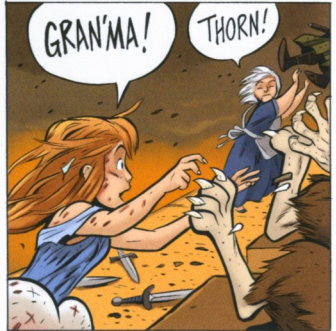




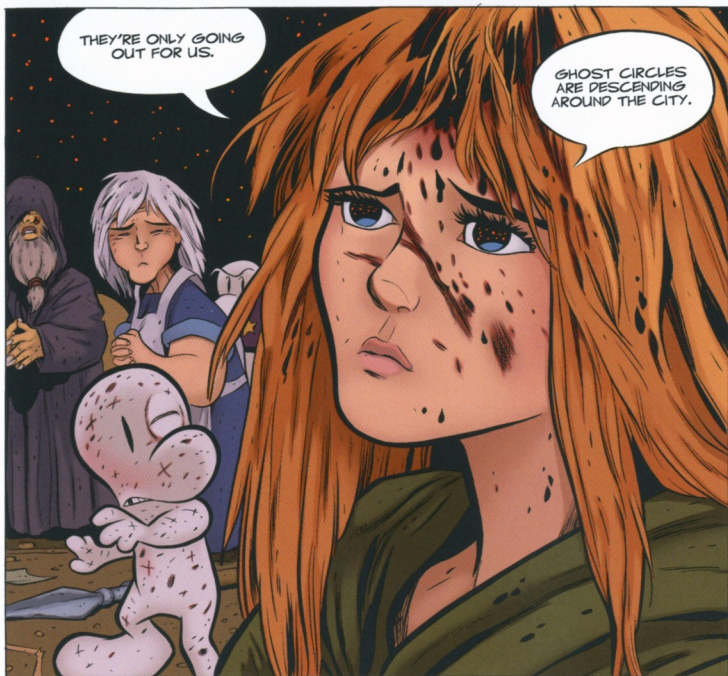
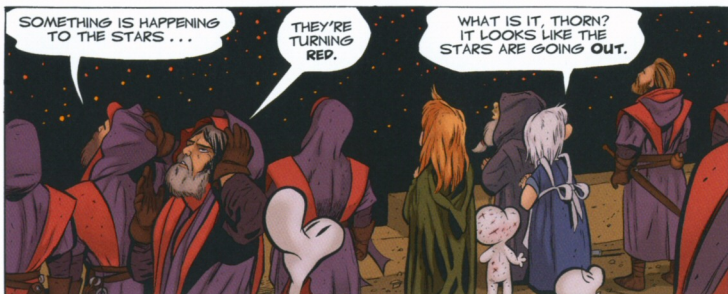














WHEN THE WORLD
WAS NEW,
AND DREAMS HAD
NOT YET
RECEDED FROM THE
WAKING DAY...



... DRAGONS RULED
THE EARTH.





THE FIRST
DRAGON
WAS A QUEEN
NAMED MIM.

MIM WAS
KEEPER
OF ALL
WHO
DREAMED.

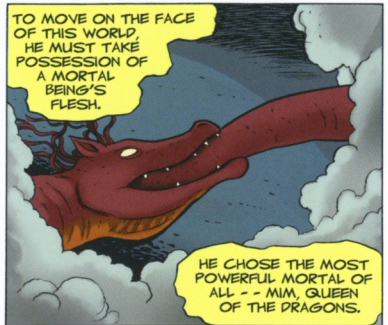
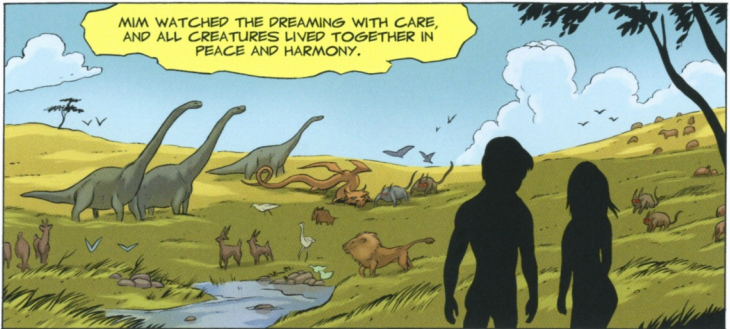


SHE NURTURED
THE DREAMING
BY ENCIRCLING
THE WORLD
AND HOLDING
HER TAIL
IN HER
MOUTH ...



AS LONG AS MIM
HELD HER TAIL
IN THIS WAY,
THERE WOULD BE BALANCE
BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH,
AND GOOD AND EVIL ...

AND THE
DREAMING
WOULD
FLOURISH.



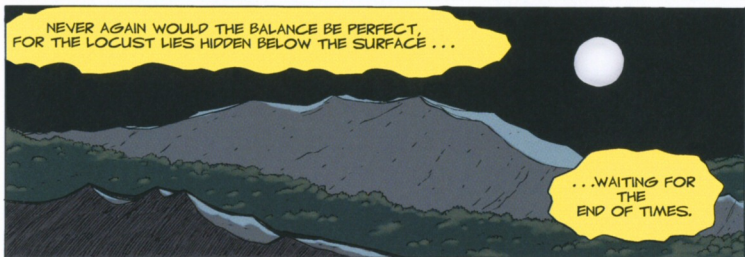
TO SAVE THE WORLD, THE OTHER DRAGONS
WERE FORCED TO MOVE AGAINST HER.

A TERRIBLE BATTLE ENSUED.

AS THE DRAGONS FOUGHT,
THEY CRASHED BACK AND FORTH
PUSHING UP ROCKS
AND MOUNTAINS.

ON AND ON THEY STRUGGLED,
WITH MANY VALIANT
DRAGONS LOSING THEIR
LIVES...

UNTIL AT LAST
THE DRAGONS DESPAIRED
OF SAVING THEIR
QUEEN, AND WERE FORCED
TO TAKE DESPERATE
MEASURES.





WHERE TH' HECK ARE WE
GOING, SMILEY?
WE'RE SITTING PUCKS
UP HERE!

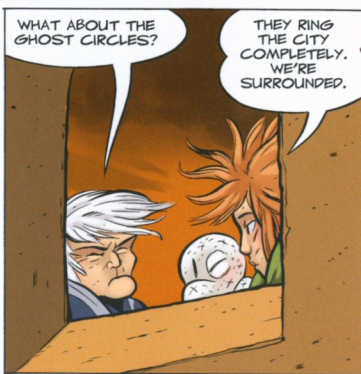
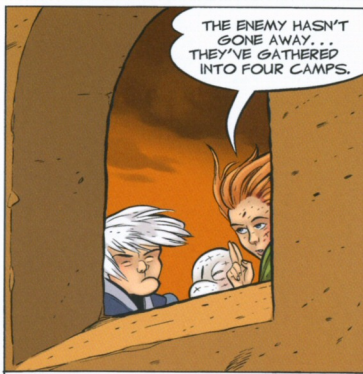
DON'T WORRY, PHONEY!

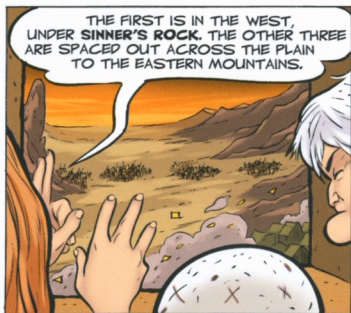
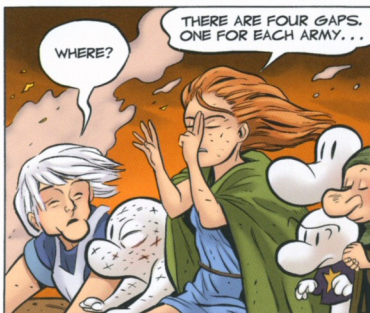
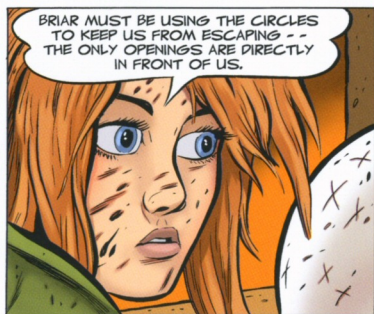
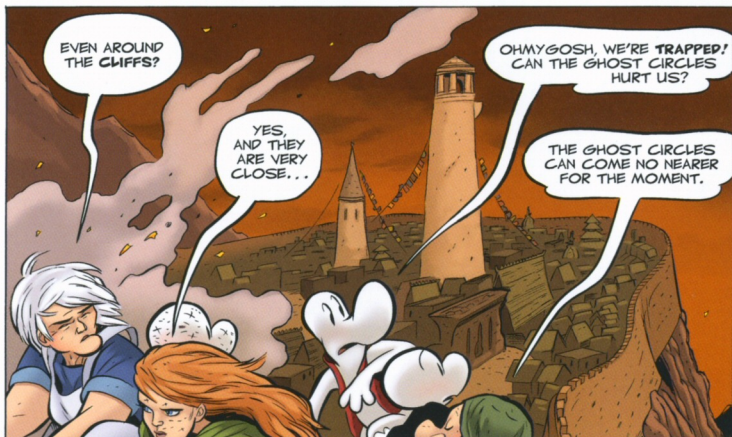
THE RAT CREATURES
RAN AWAY WHEN THE
GHOST CIRCLES
APPEARED.

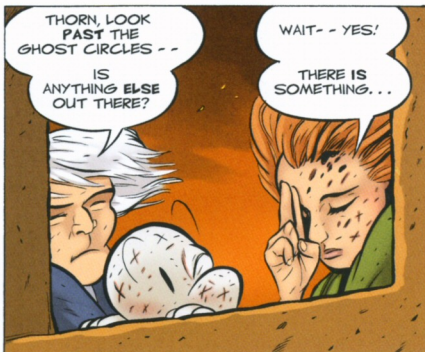
DID THEY RUN FAR?!
ARROWS GO A LONG
WAY, YOU KNOW.

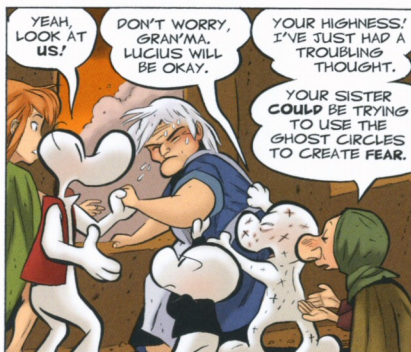
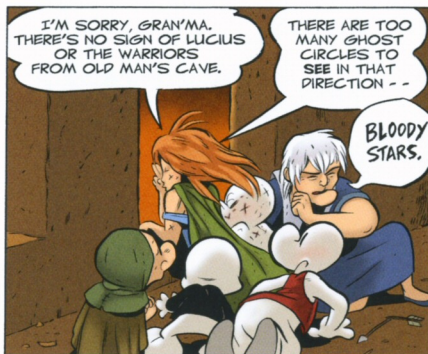
I GUESS THAT'S WHAT
GRAN'MA BEN WANTS
TO CHECK OUT...

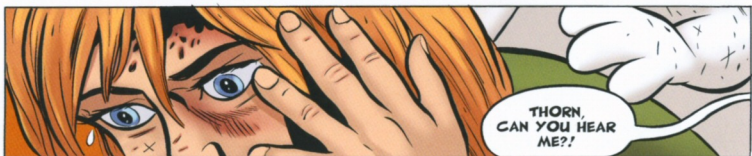
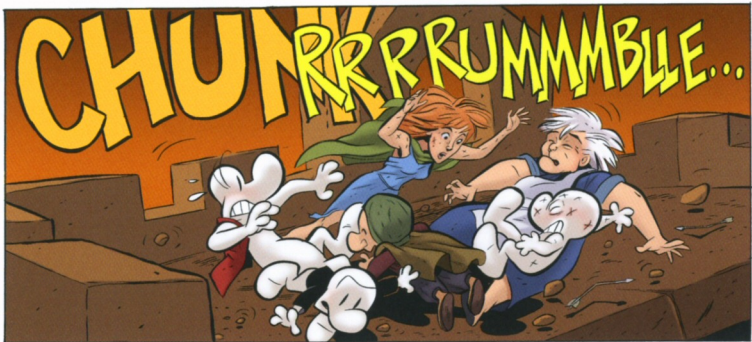






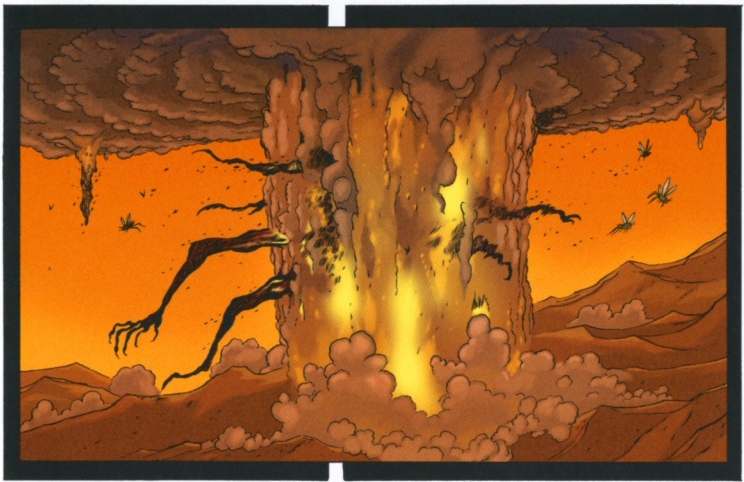
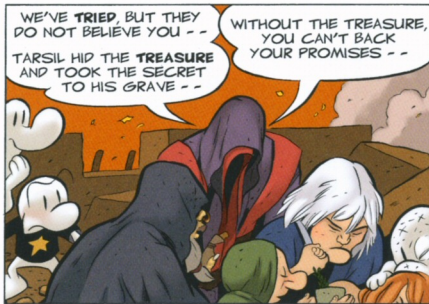


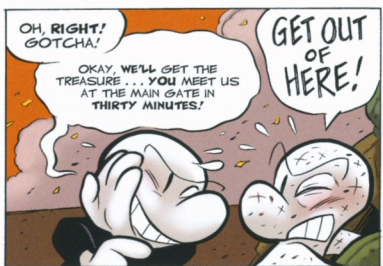
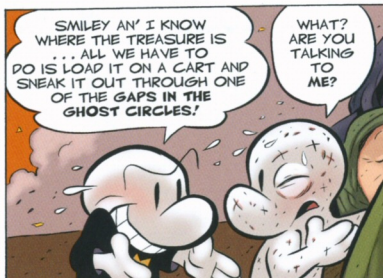


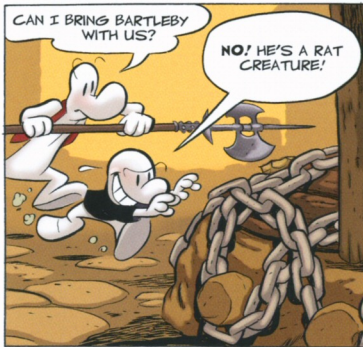
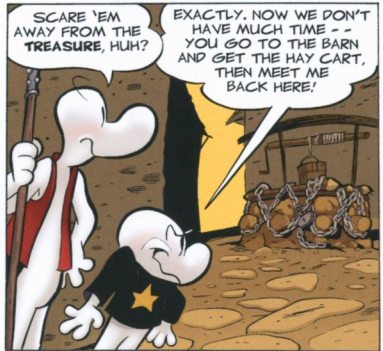


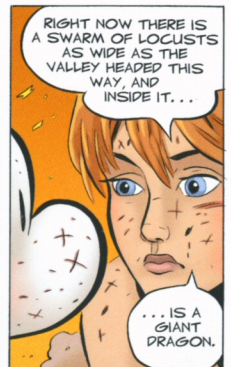
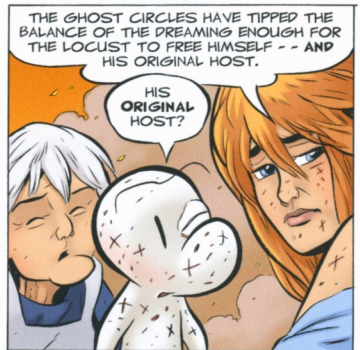
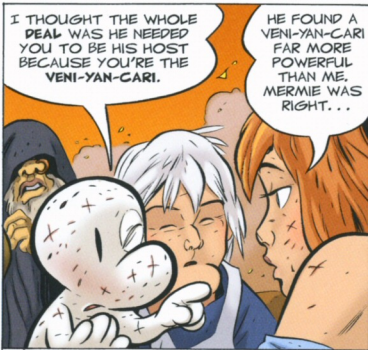
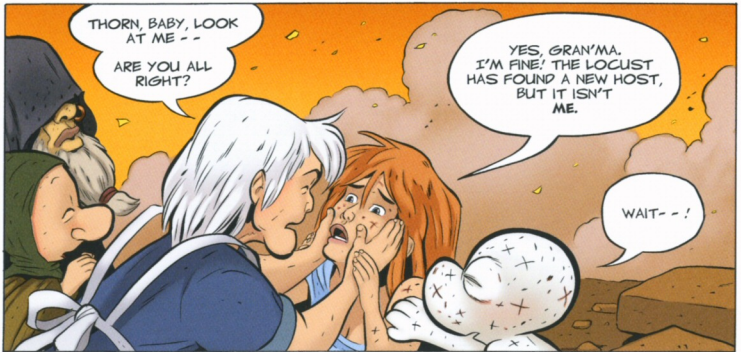


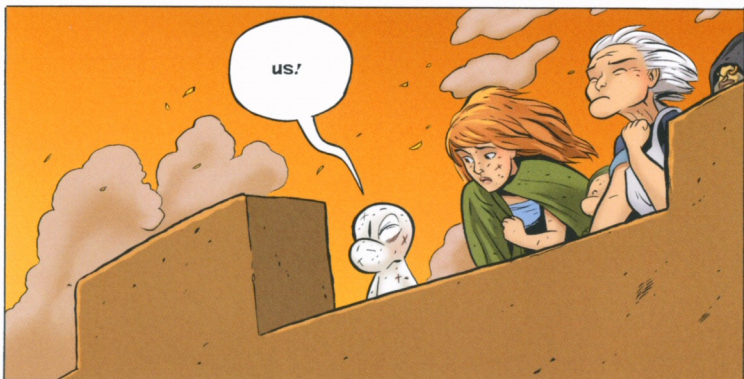


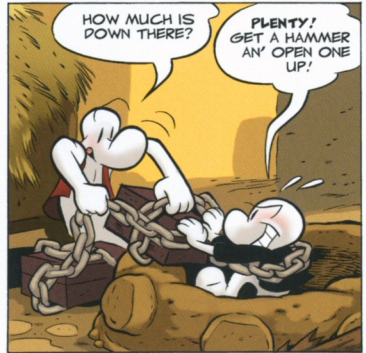
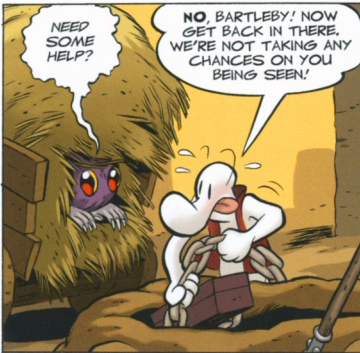
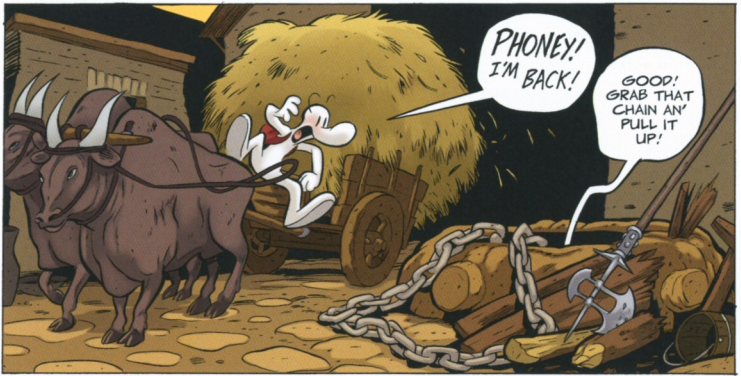


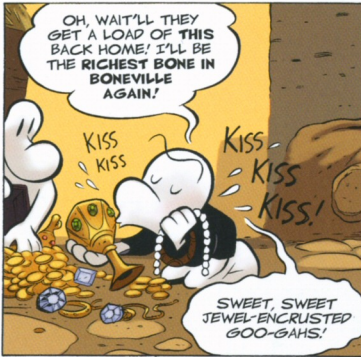


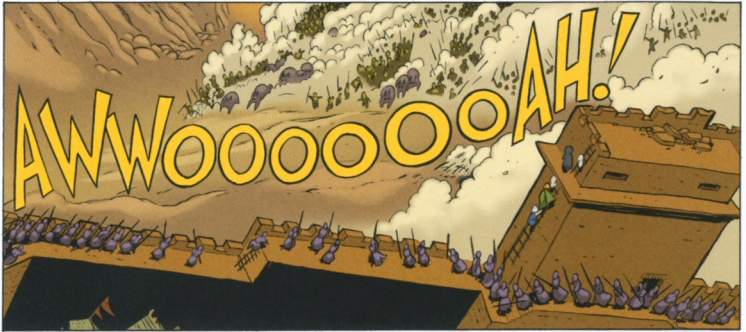


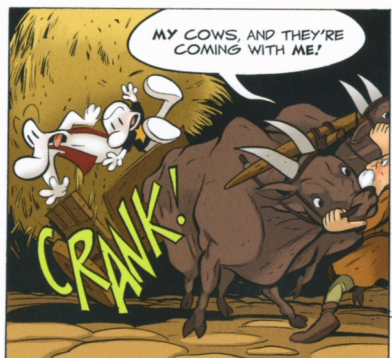


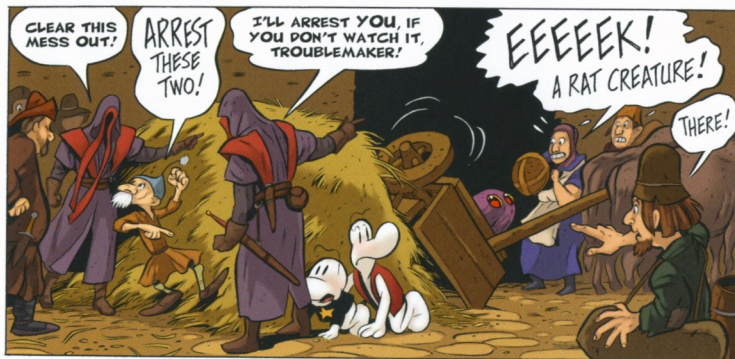
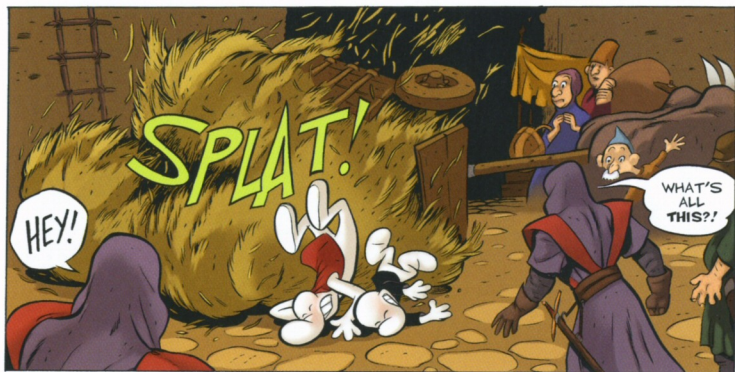




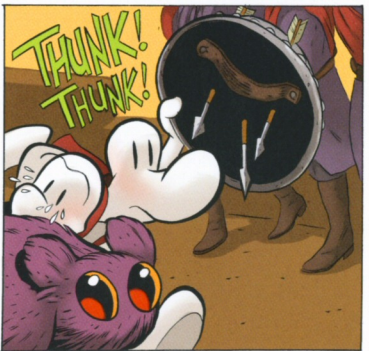


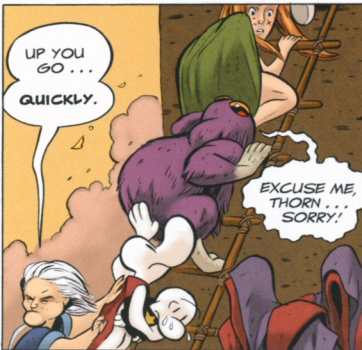


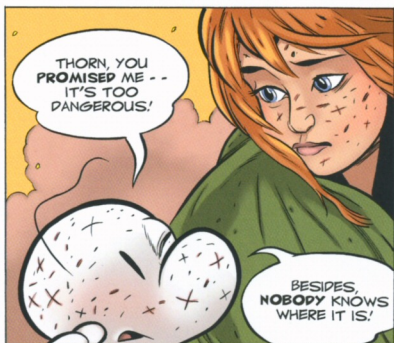
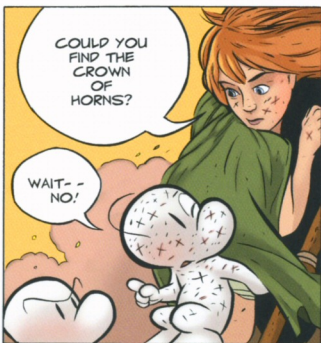
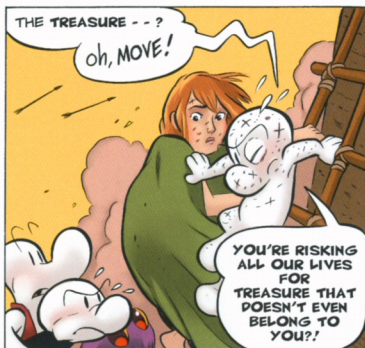


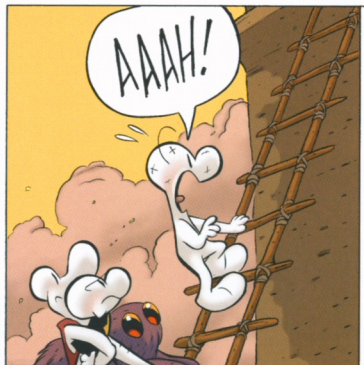
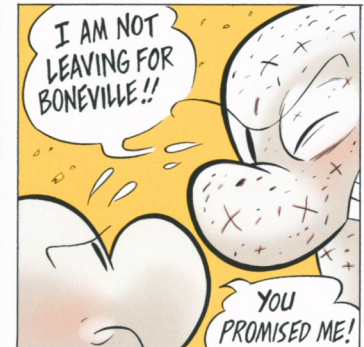
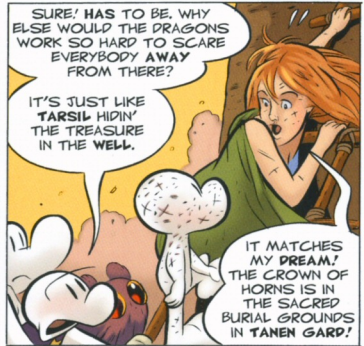
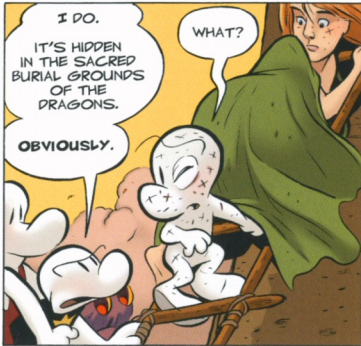


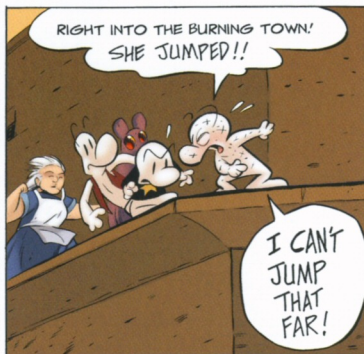
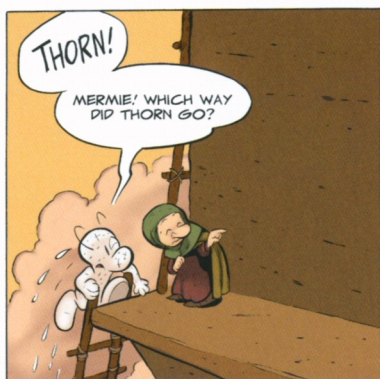


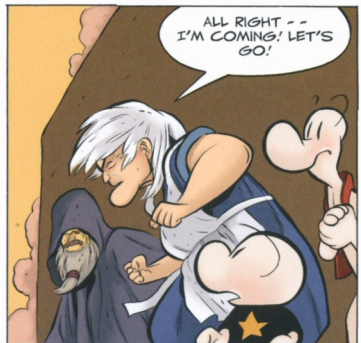
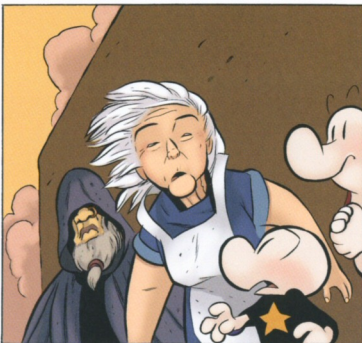
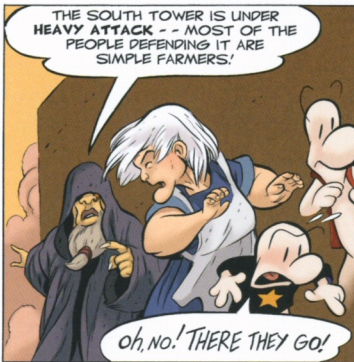
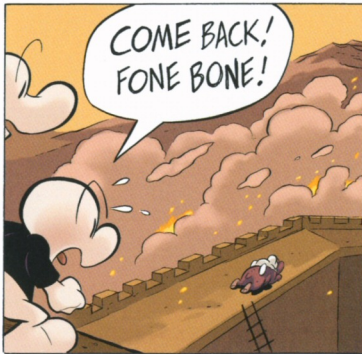


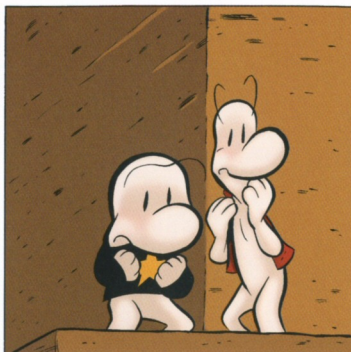
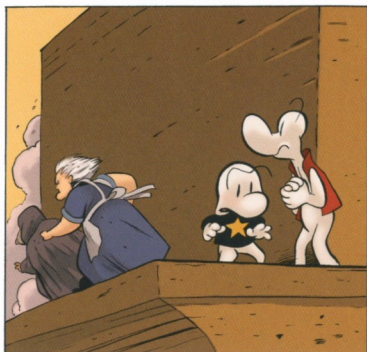




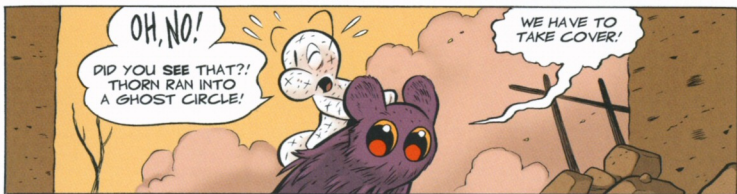


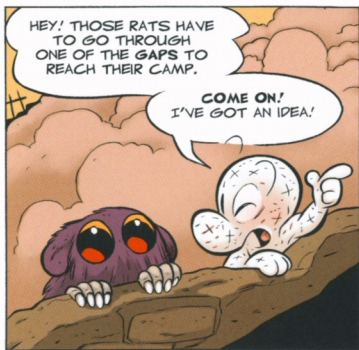
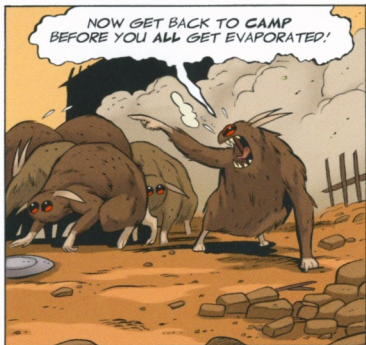
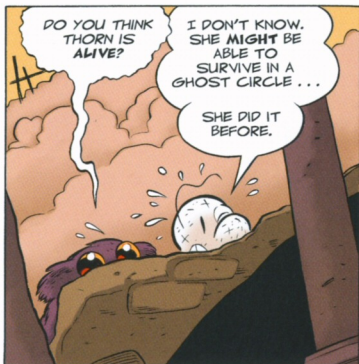


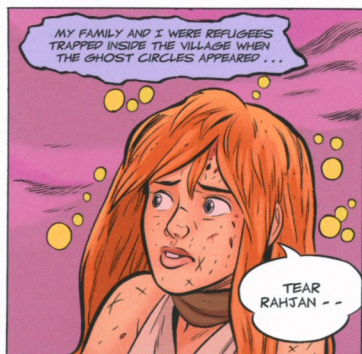
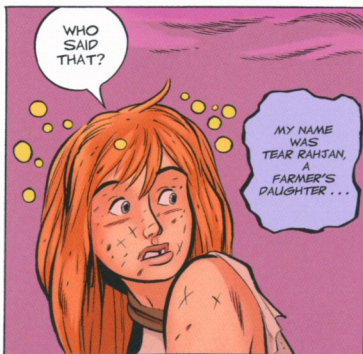


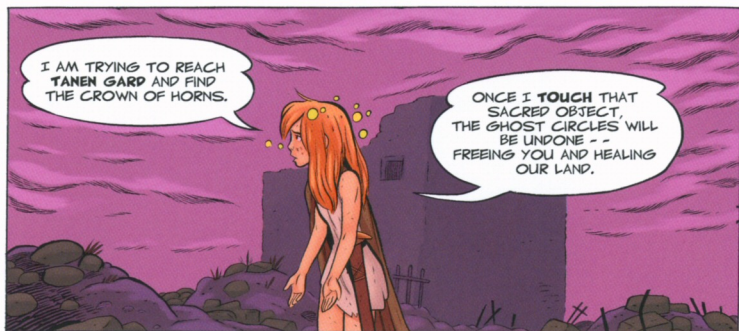


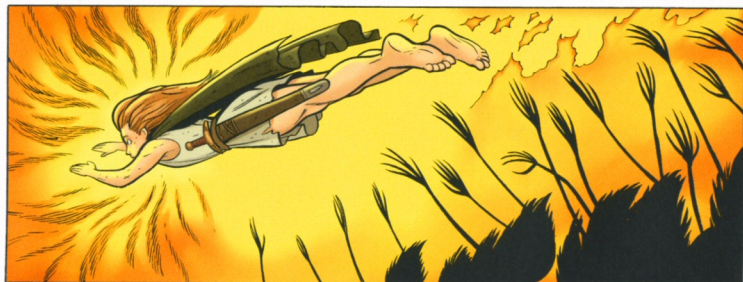
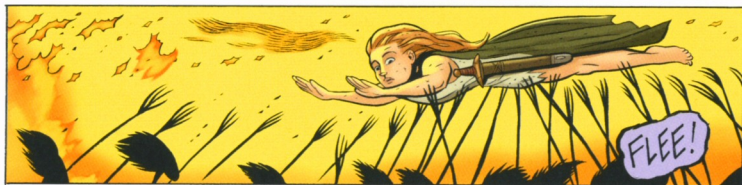
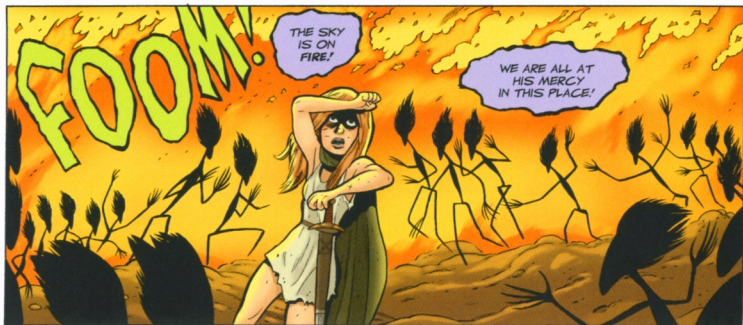


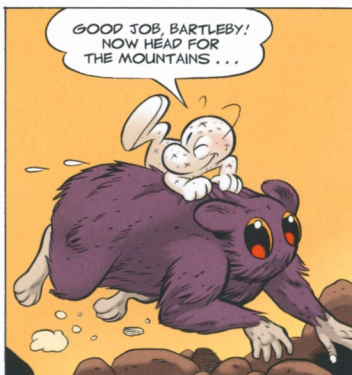
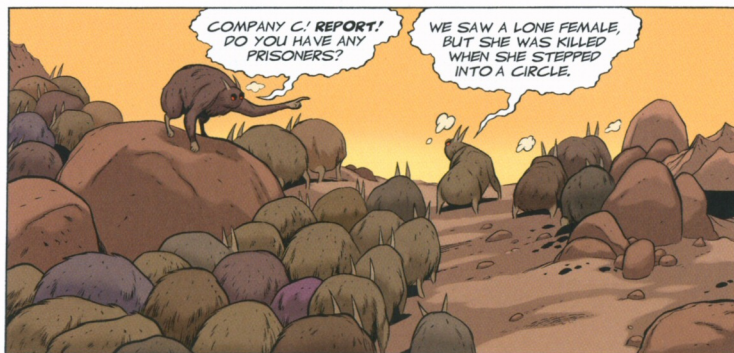


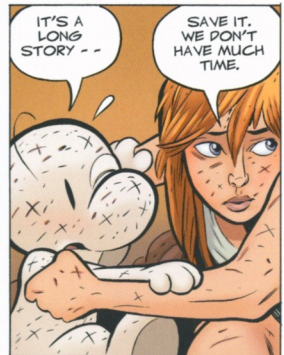
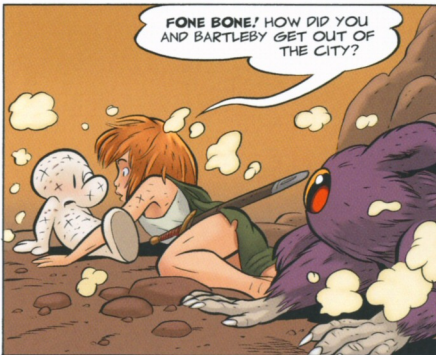
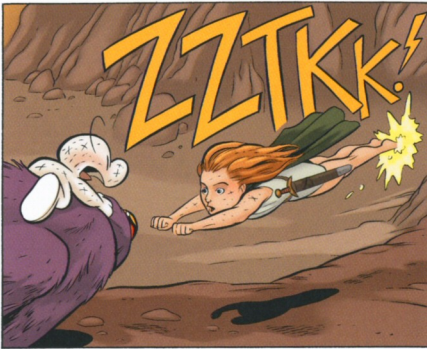
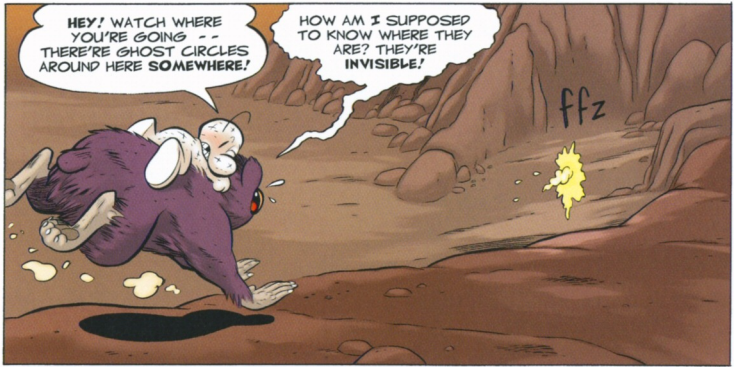


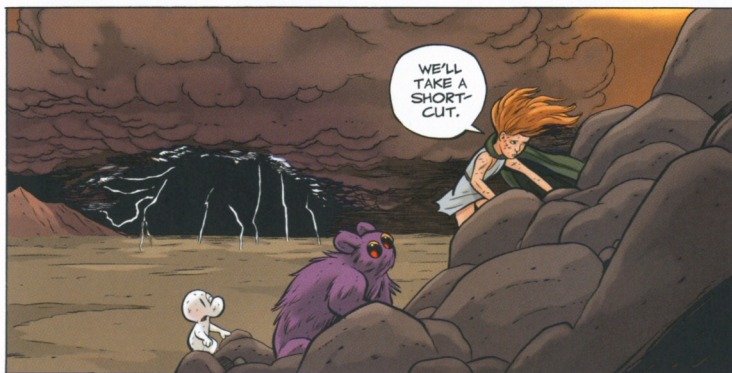
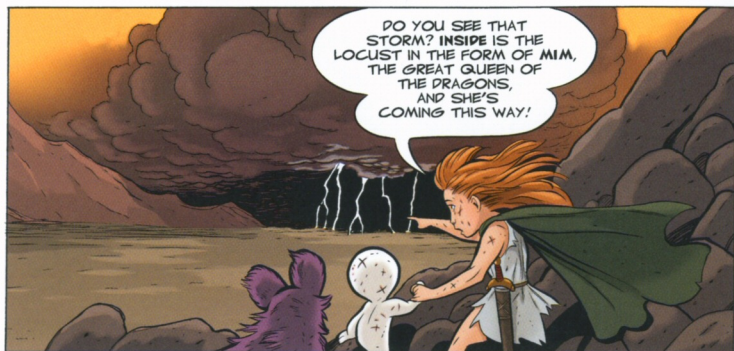




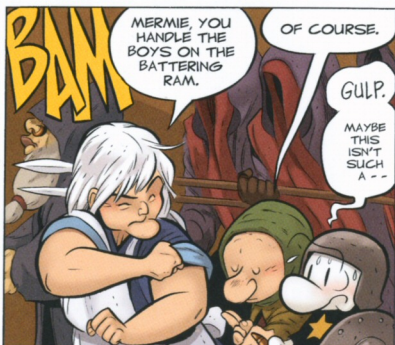


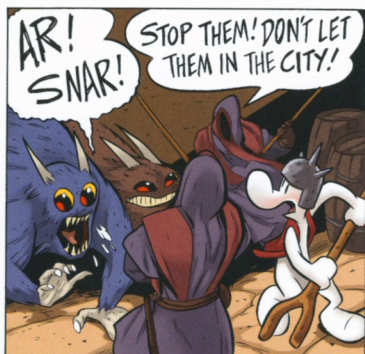




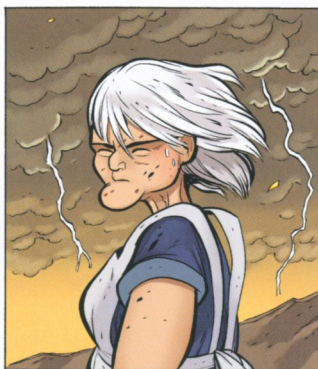




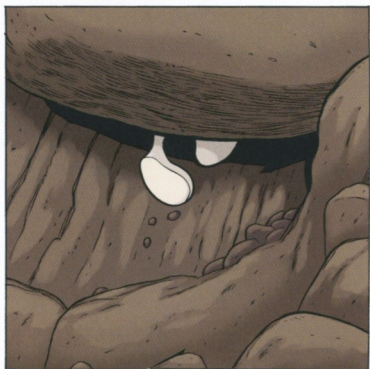
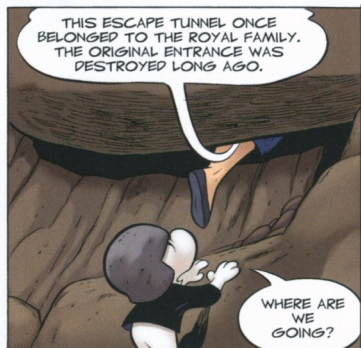












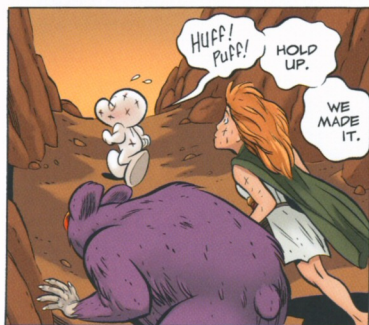
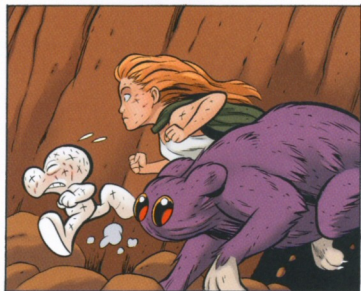
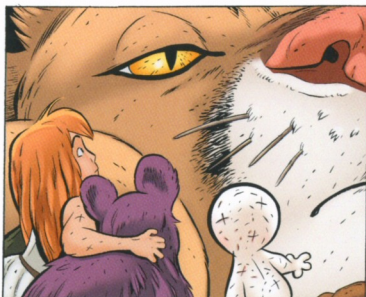


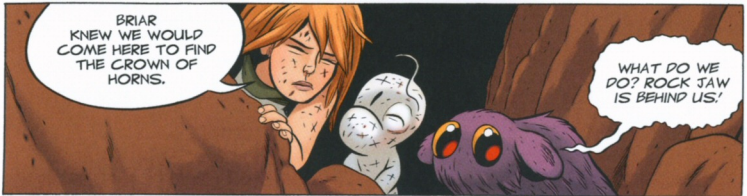
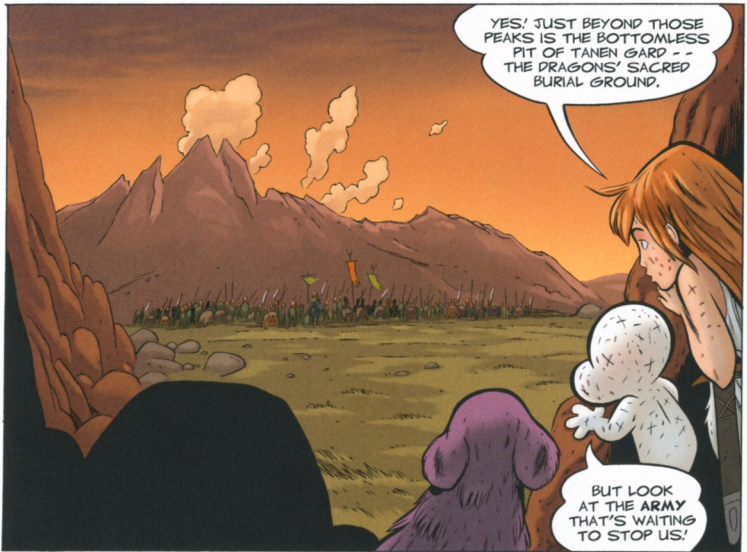


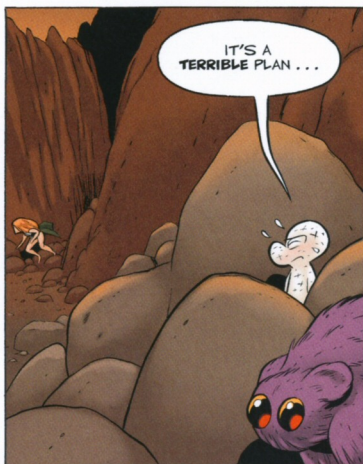
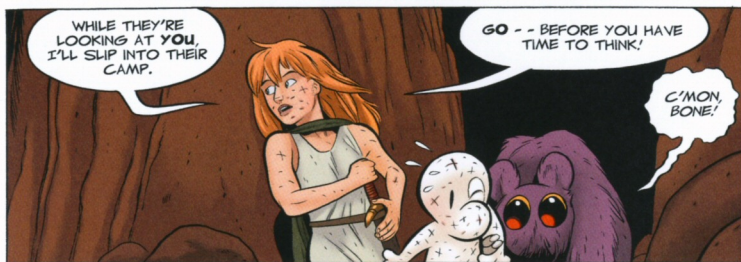
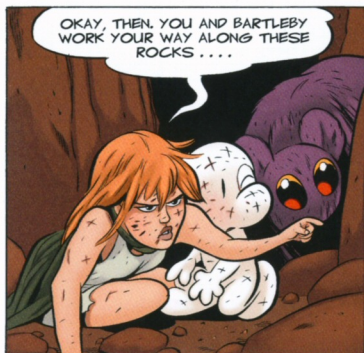
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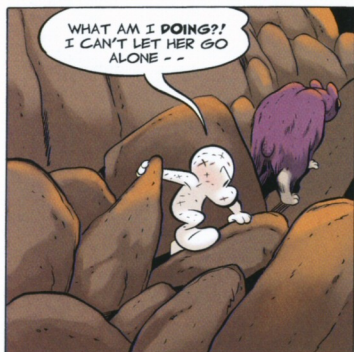
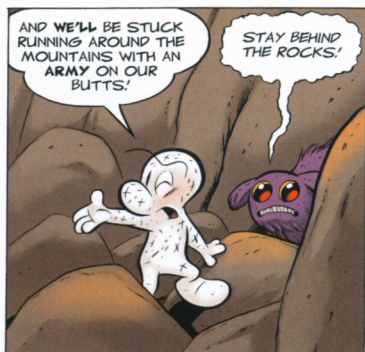


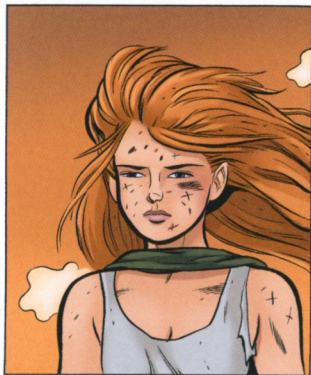


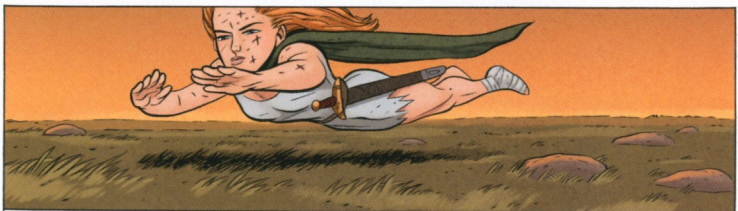
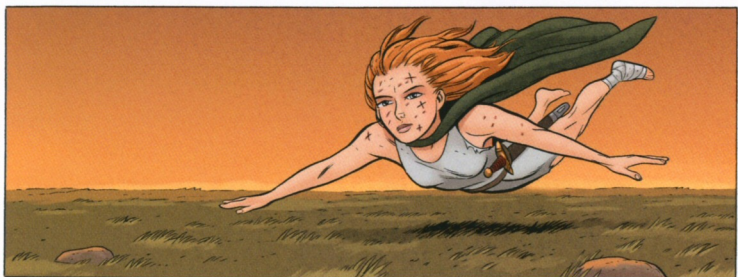
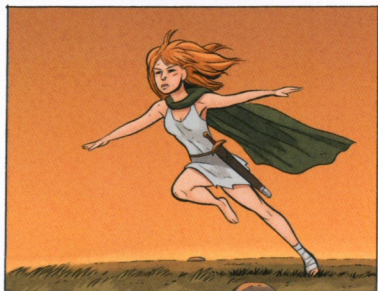




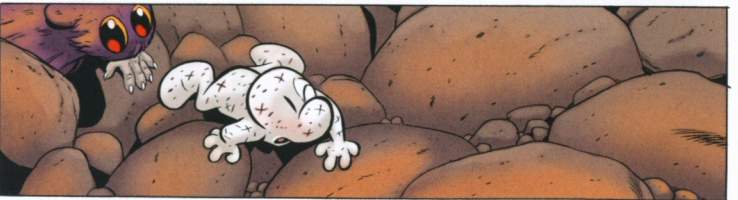
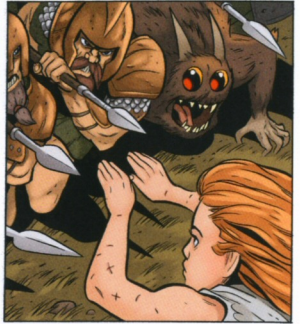


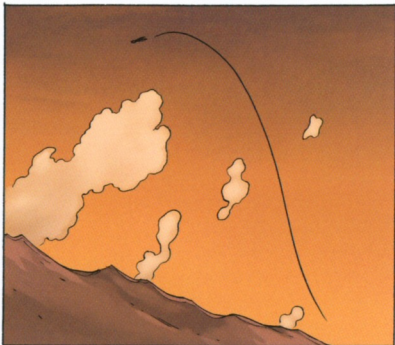




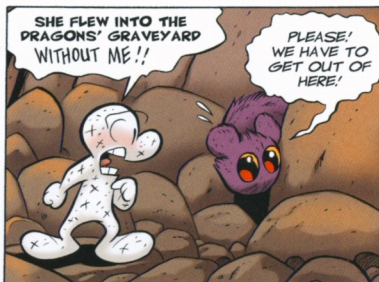


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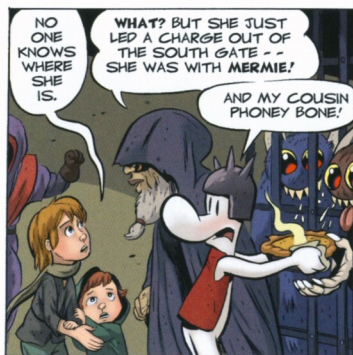




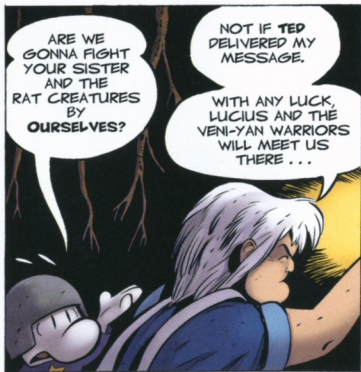


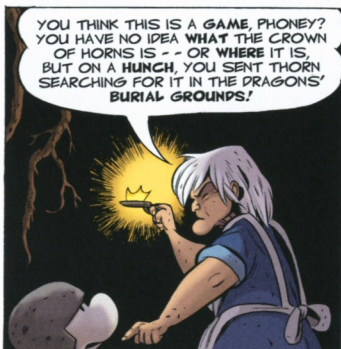
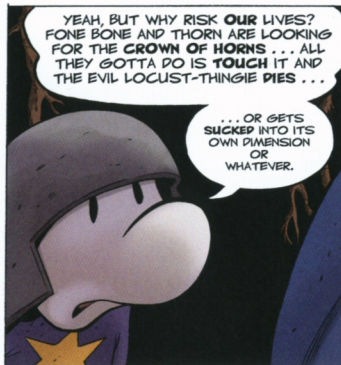




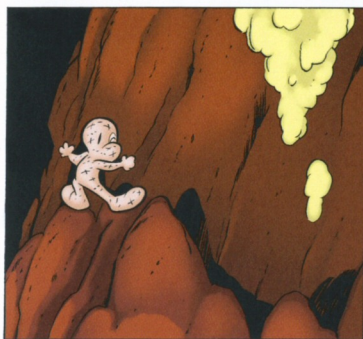


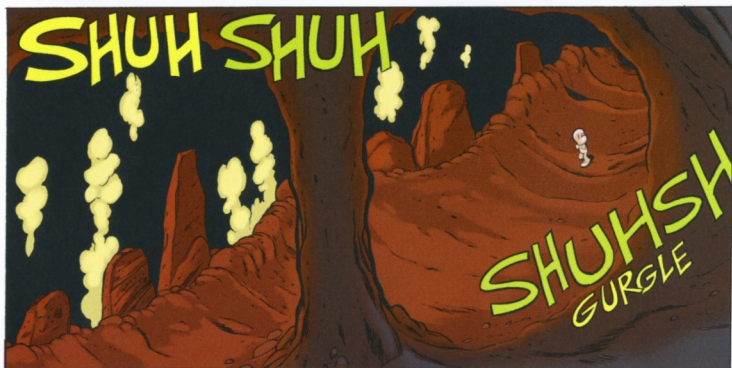
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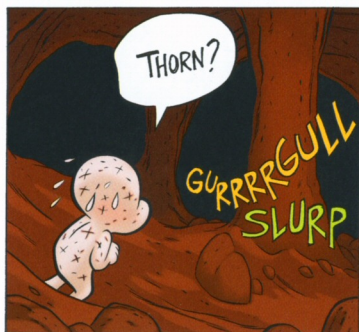




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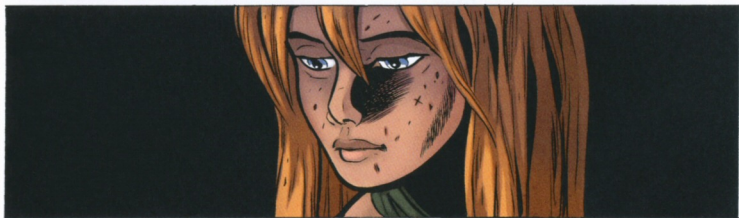




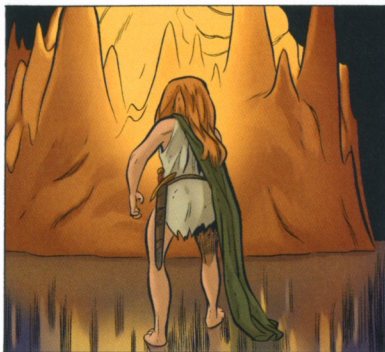






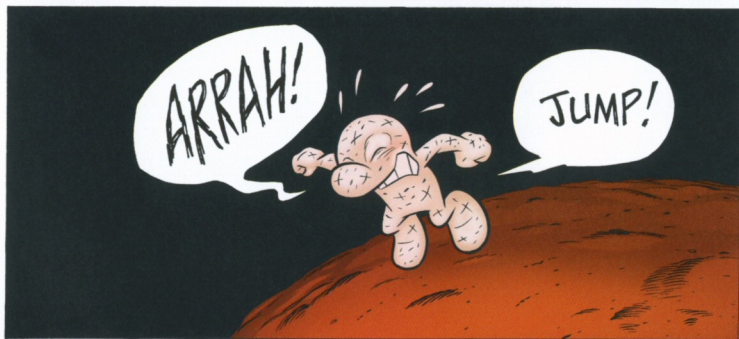




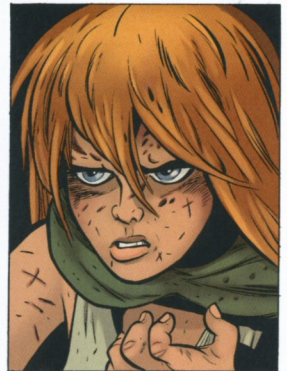


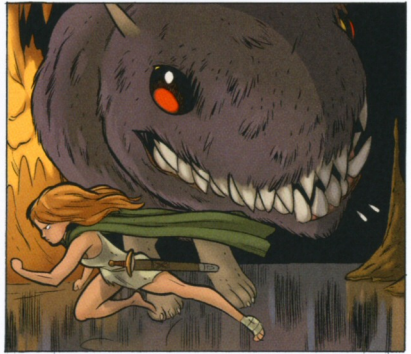


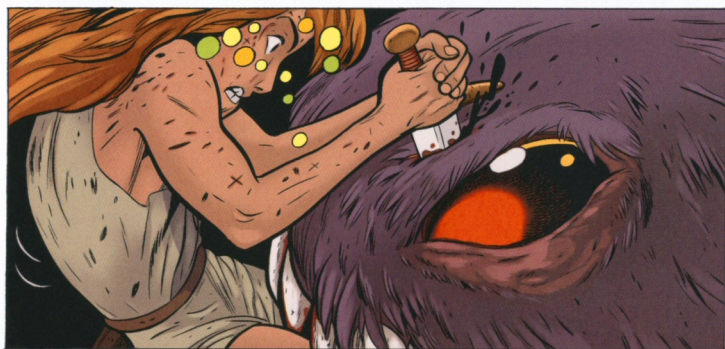






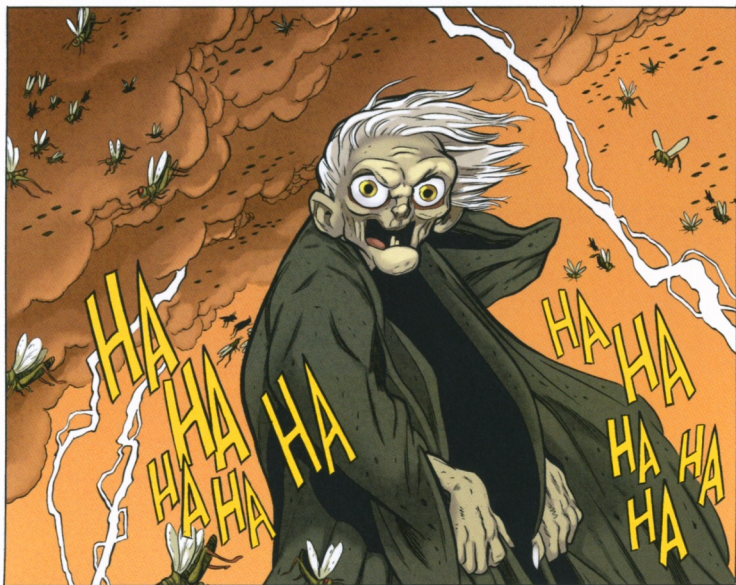






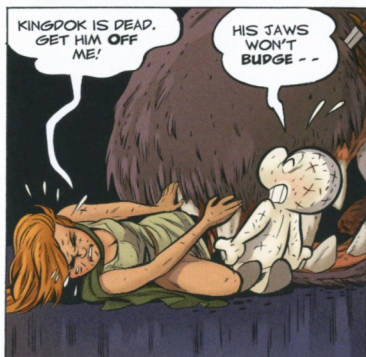
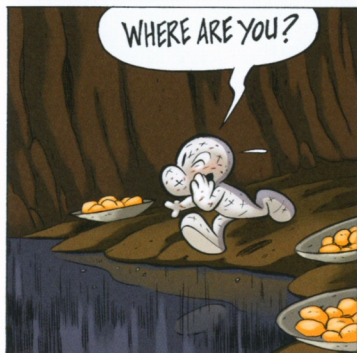


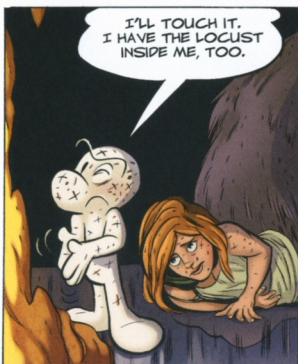
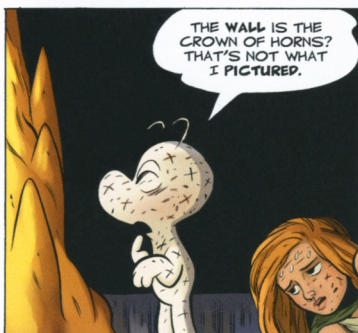


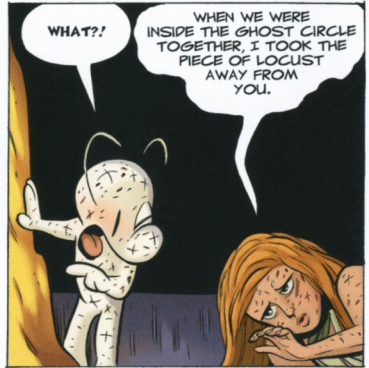
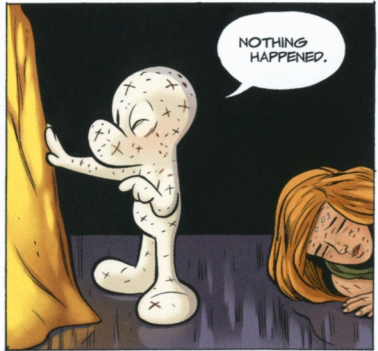




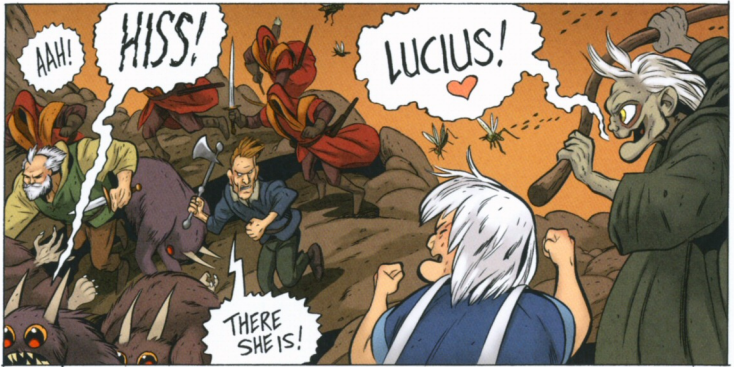












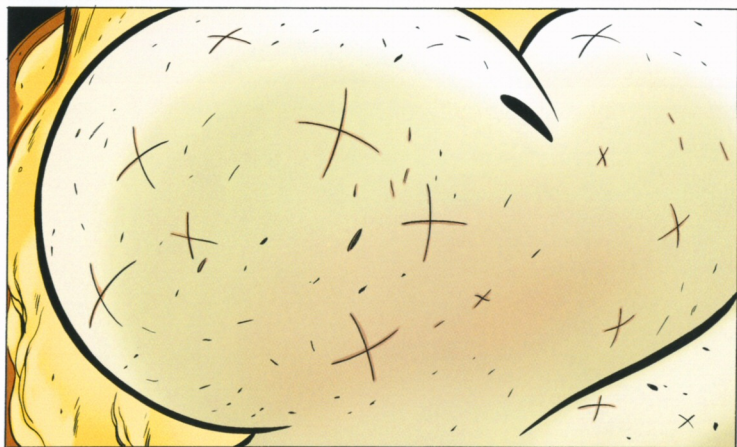
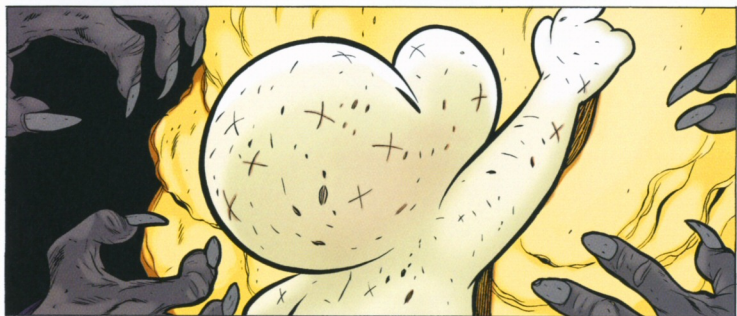


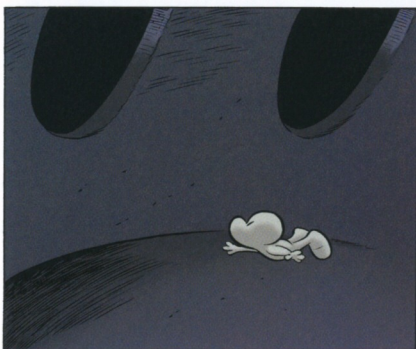
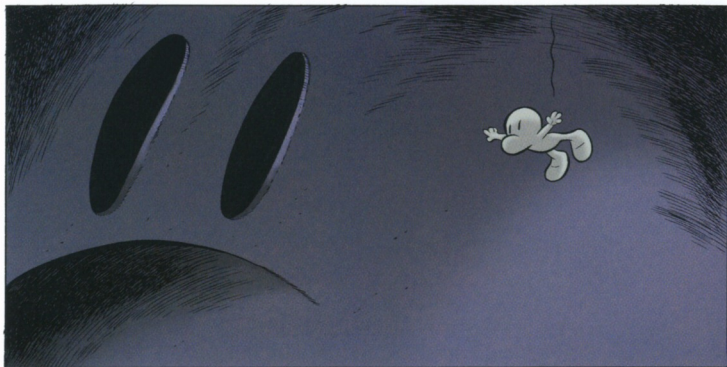


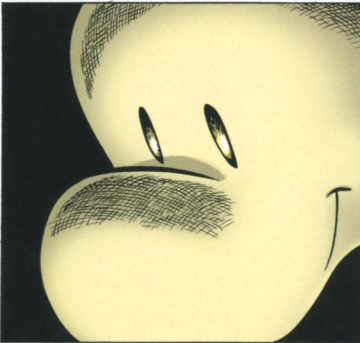
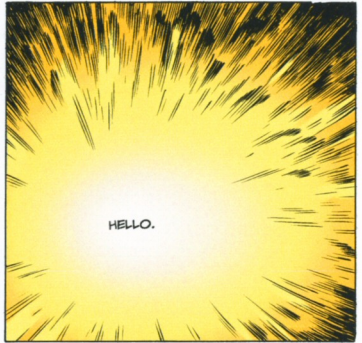
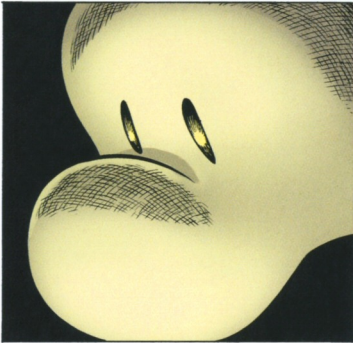
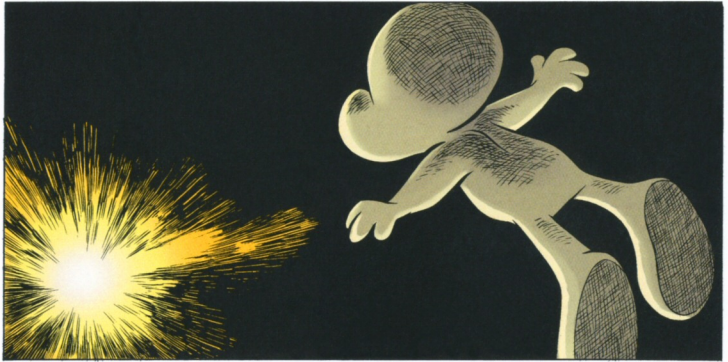




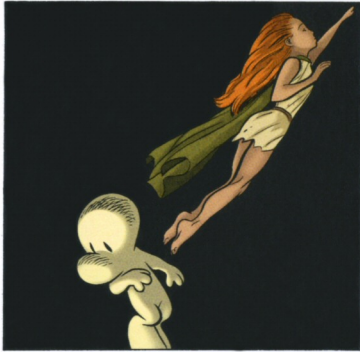
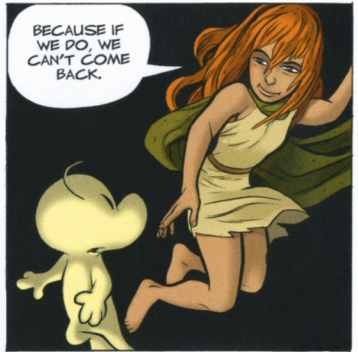




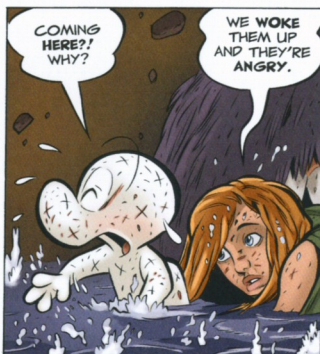
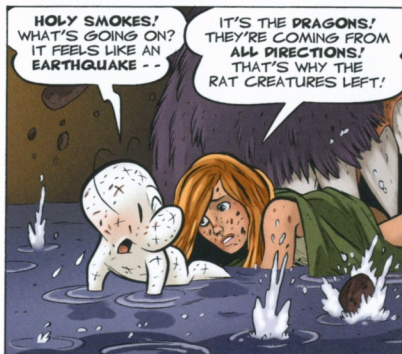




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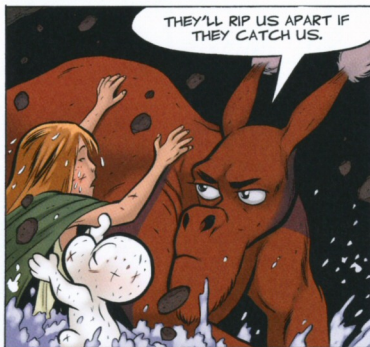






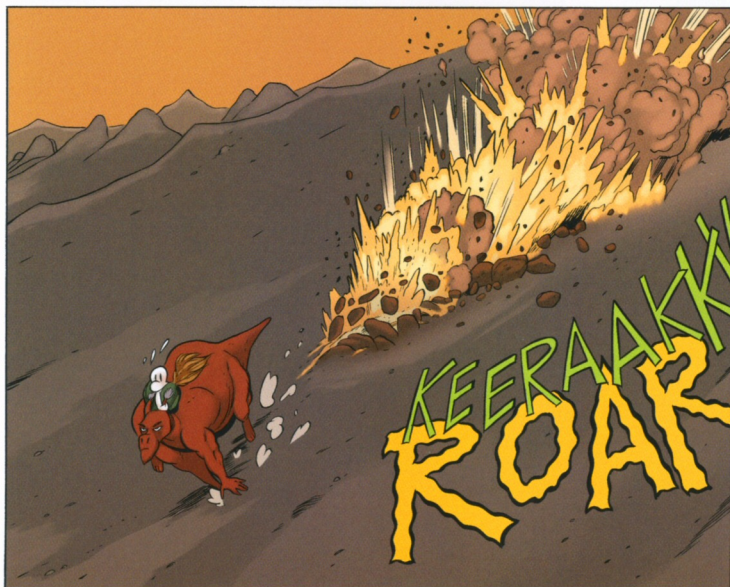












YOUR MAJESTY,
PLEASE LET ME
PUT A BANDAGE ON
YOUR ARM AND
CHEST...

QUEEN
ROSE!

THE RAT CREATURES
ARE REGROUPING
AND THE
FUNNEL CLOUD
IS BEGINNING
TO BUILD
STRENGTH!

WHAT?

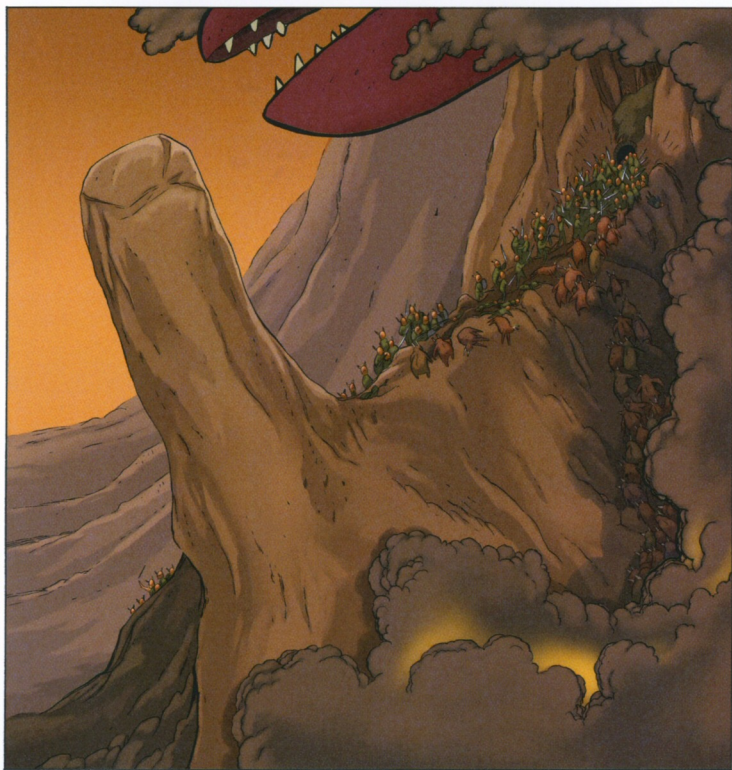
LOOK! THE CLOUD IS STILL CHURNING!

BUT THE LOCUSTS
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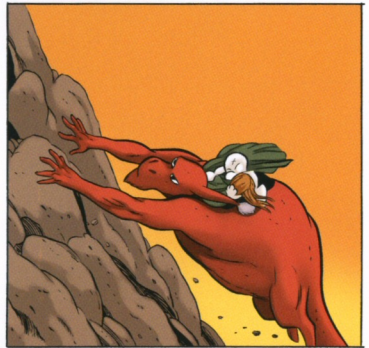
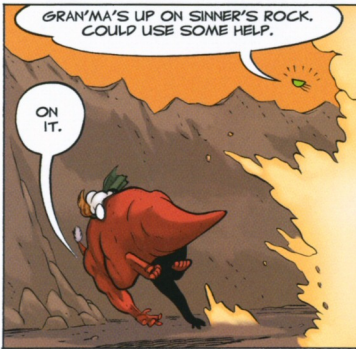
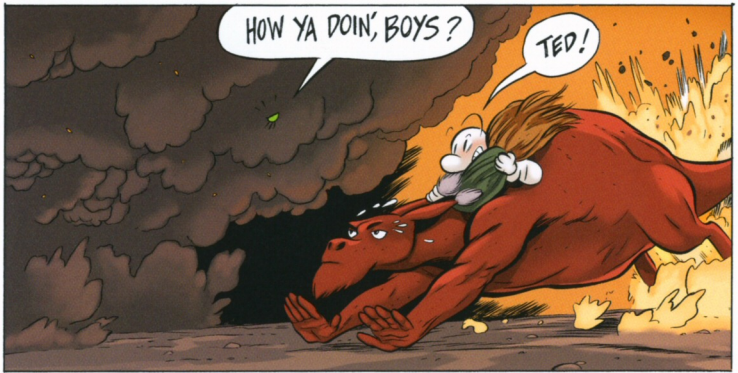
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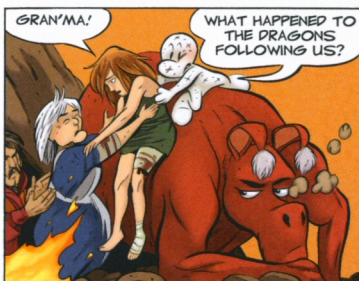
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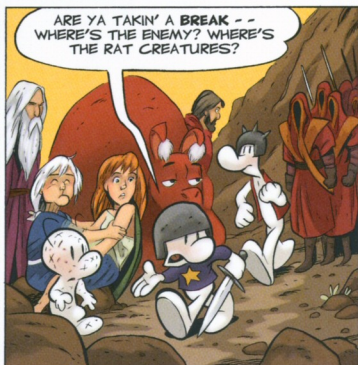
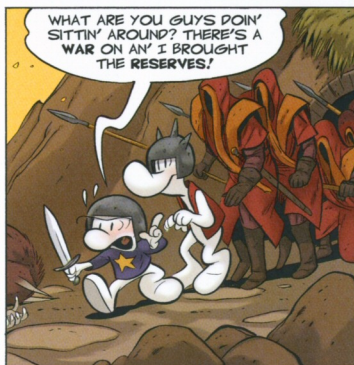
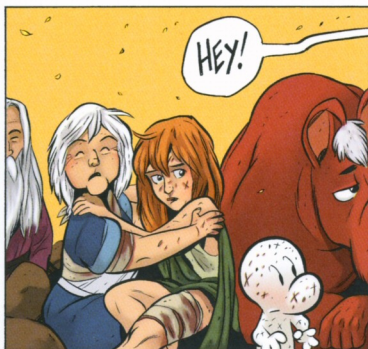


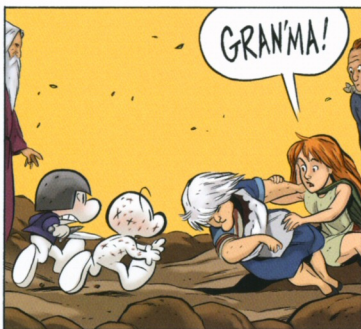
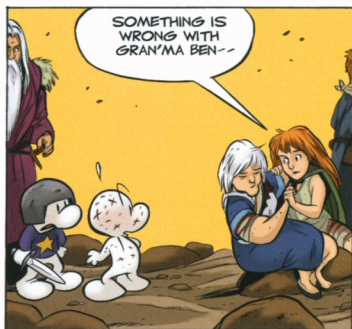


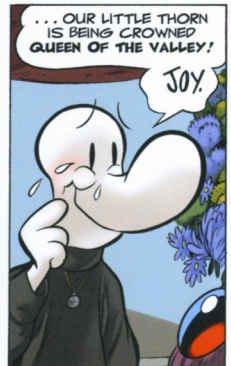
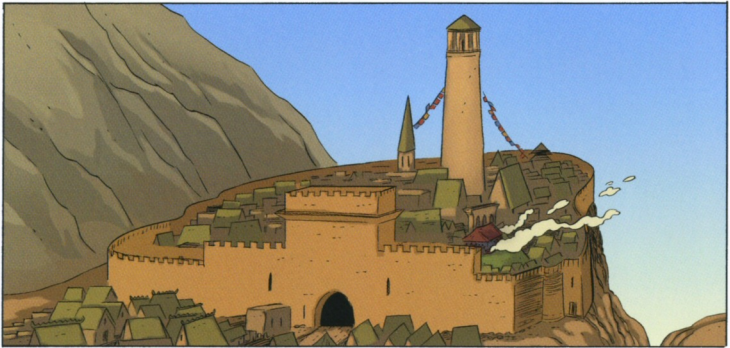


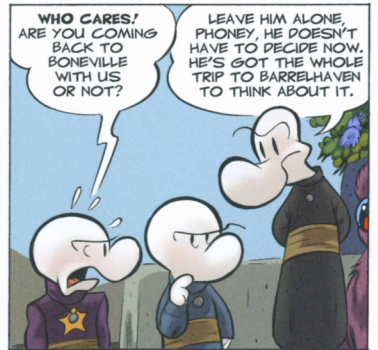
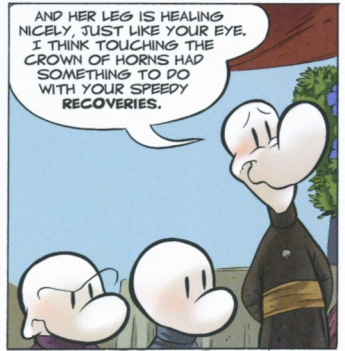
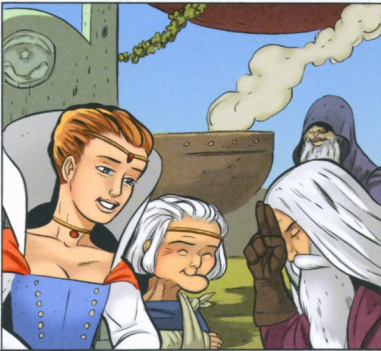


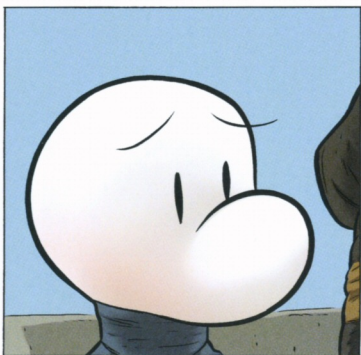
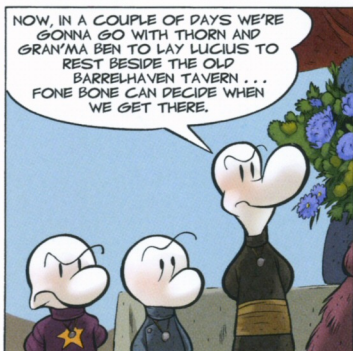
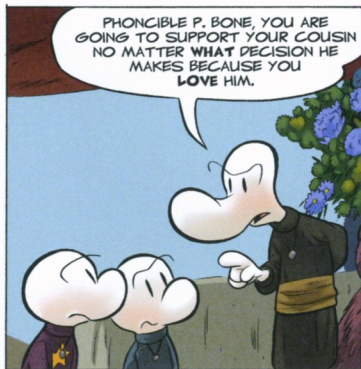


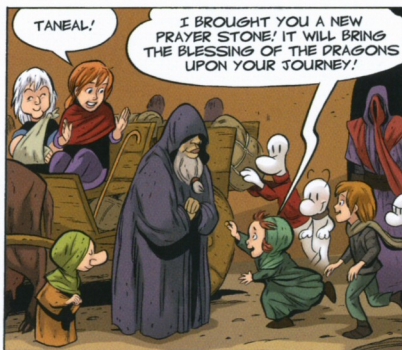


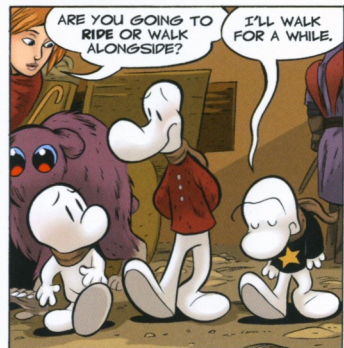
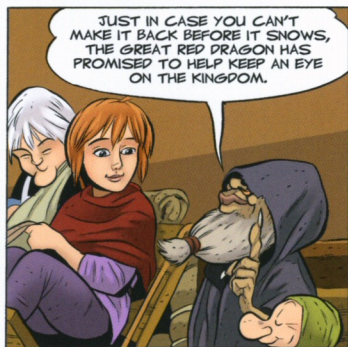
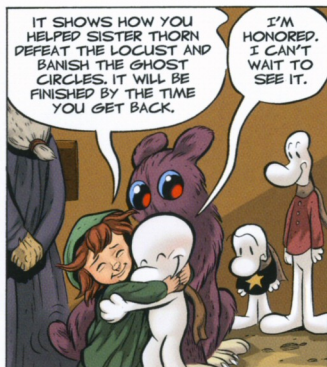


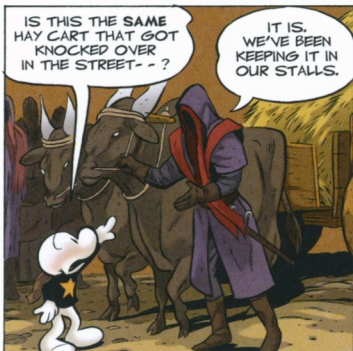
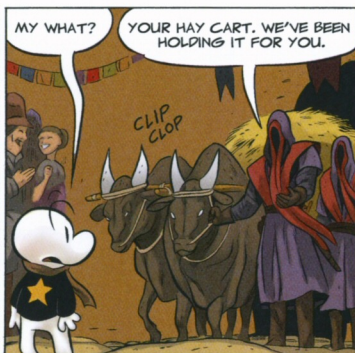
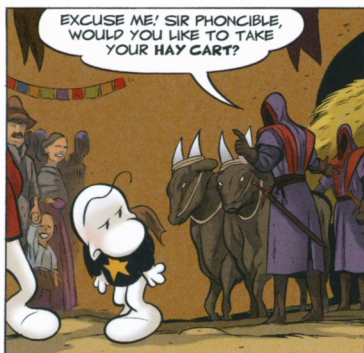


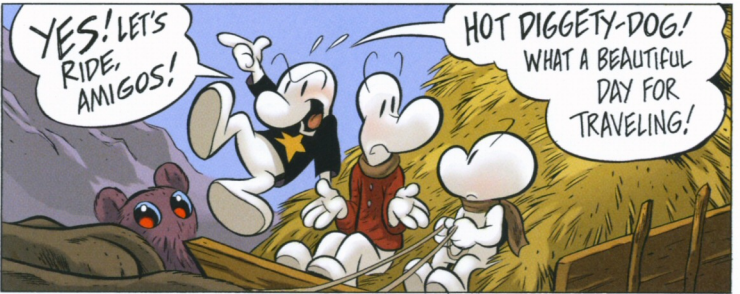
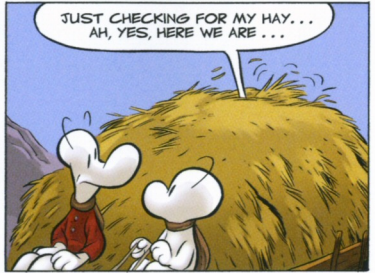
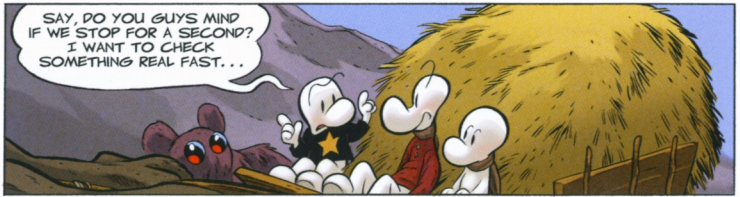


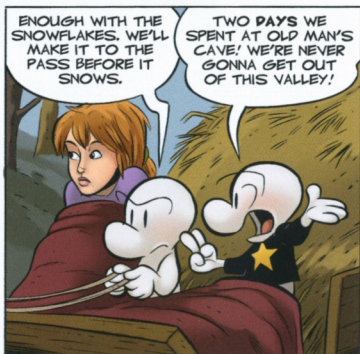
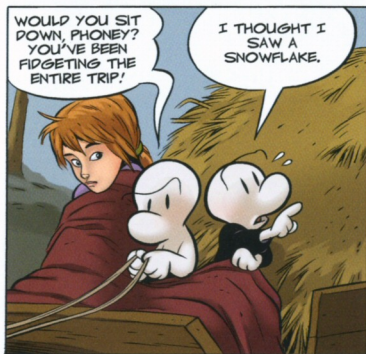




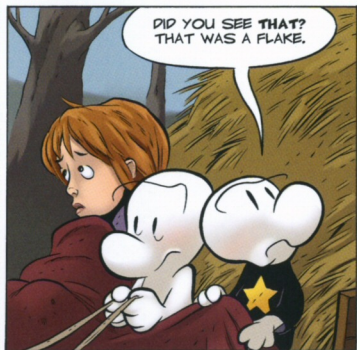
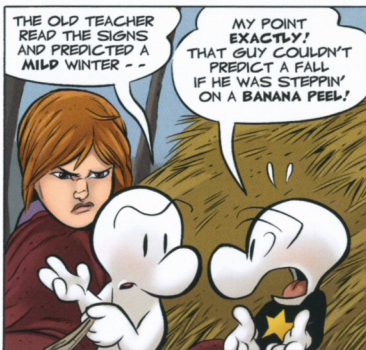
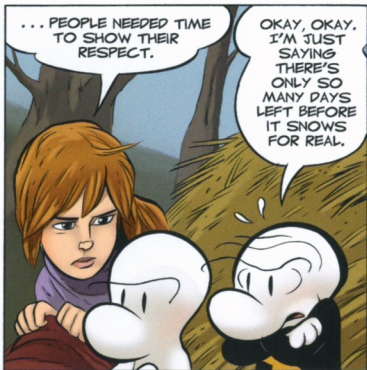


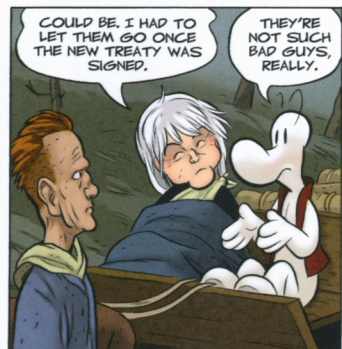
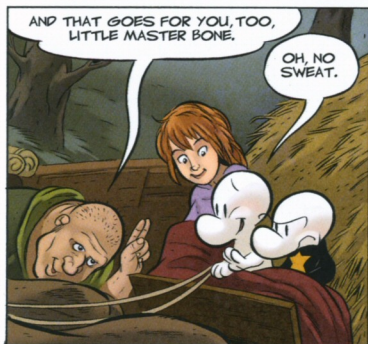
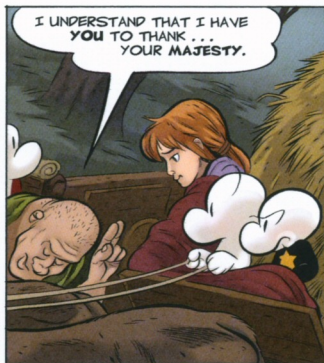


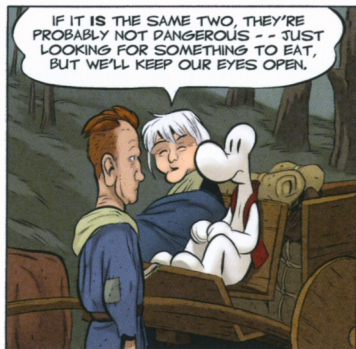




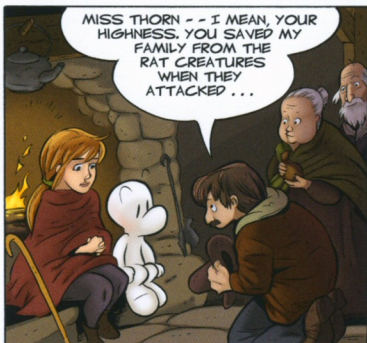
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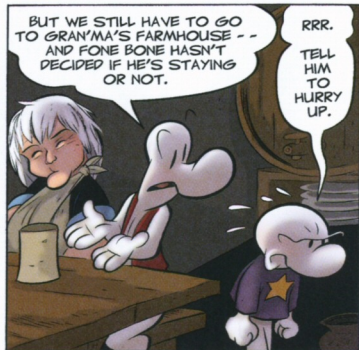
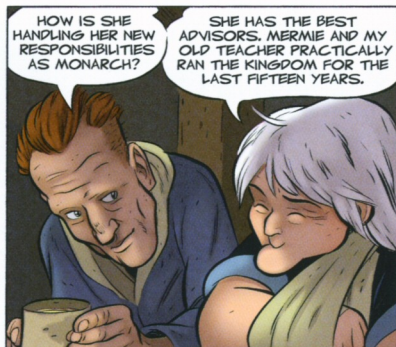


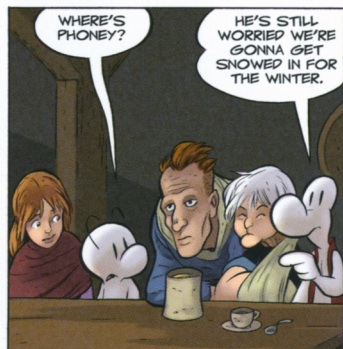
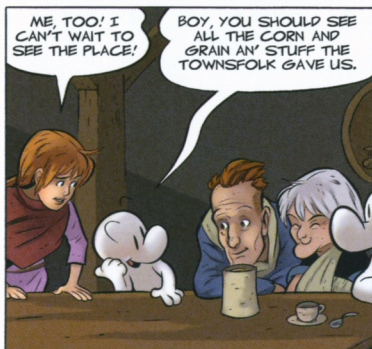






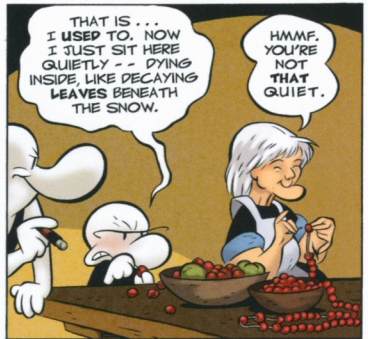
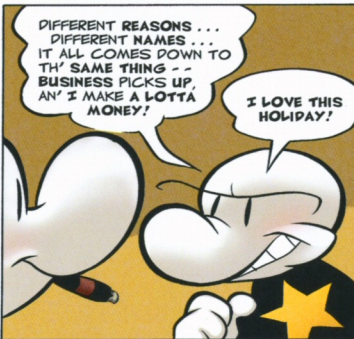
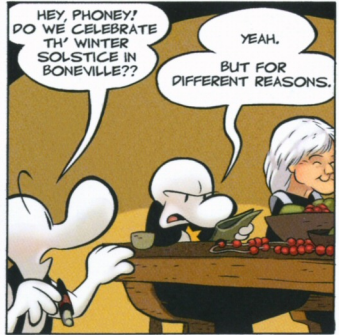
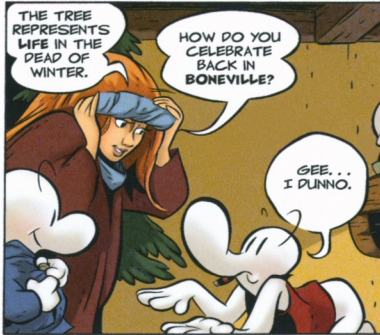








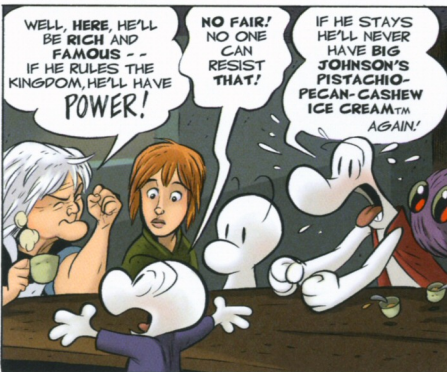
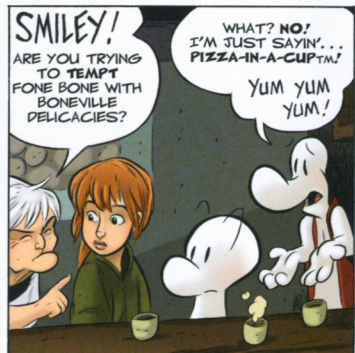
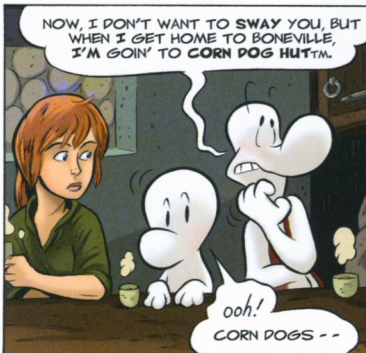
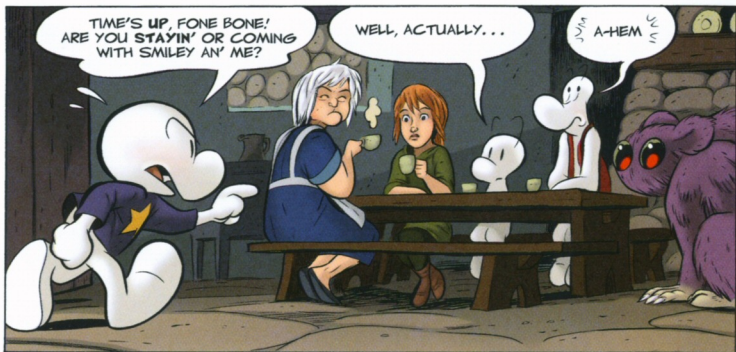




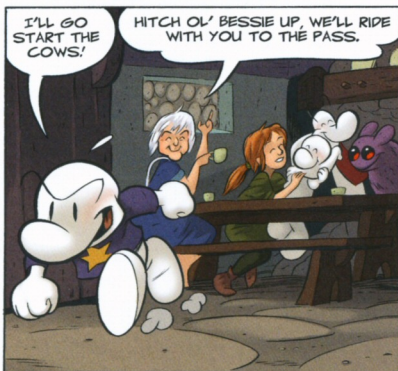
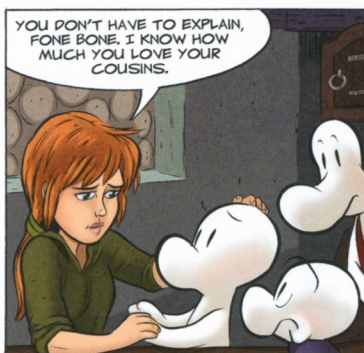






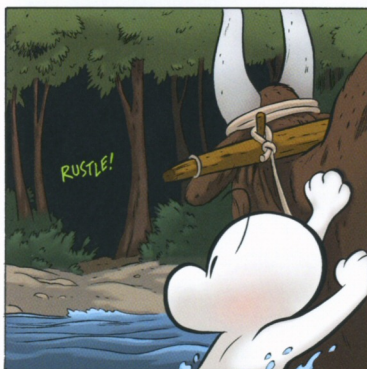
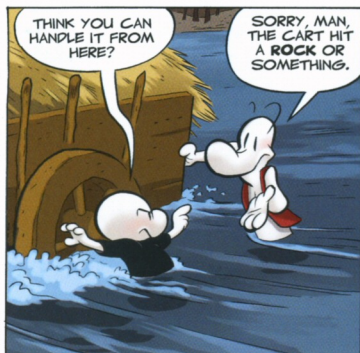


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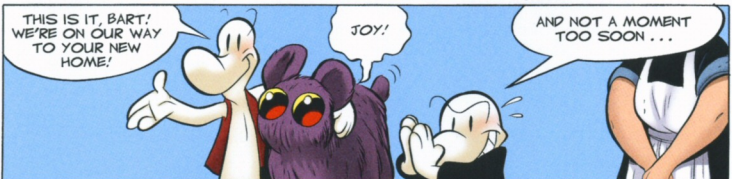


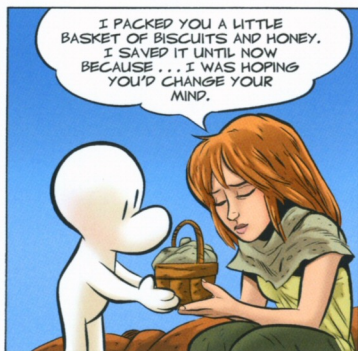
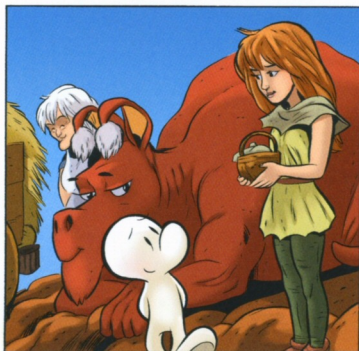
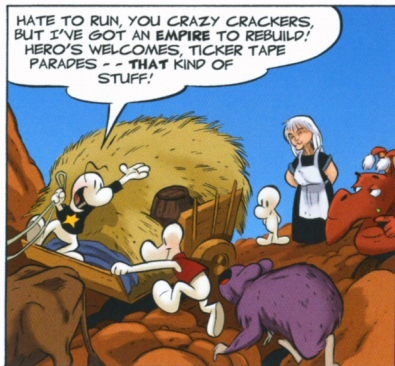
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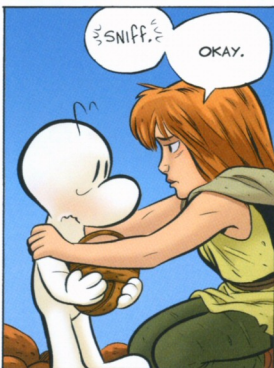
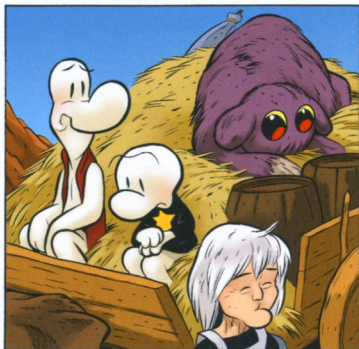
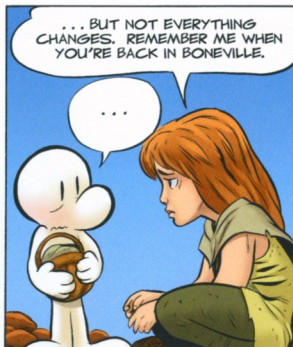
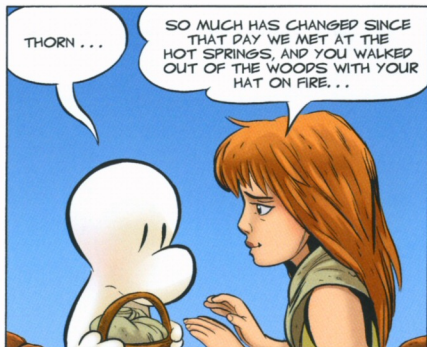


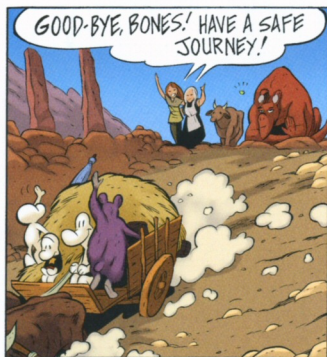
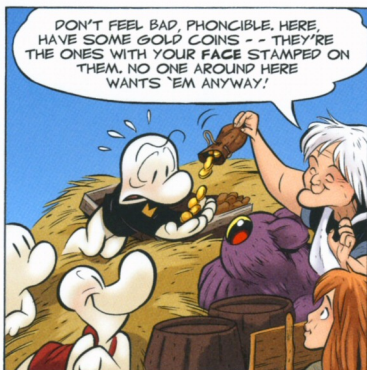
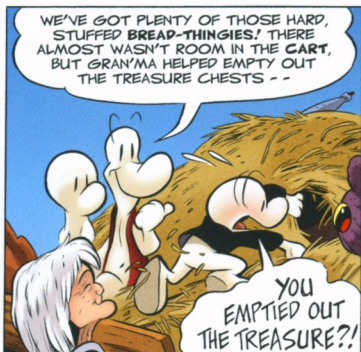
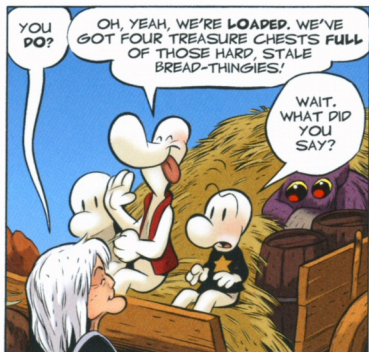
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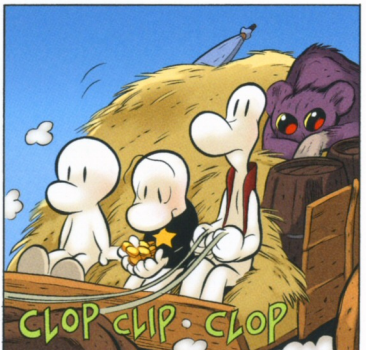
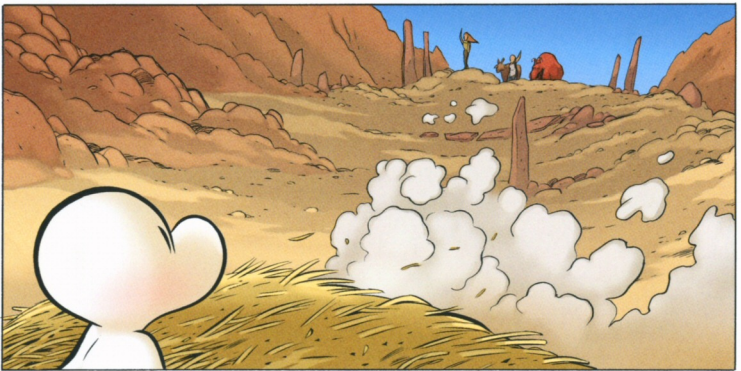


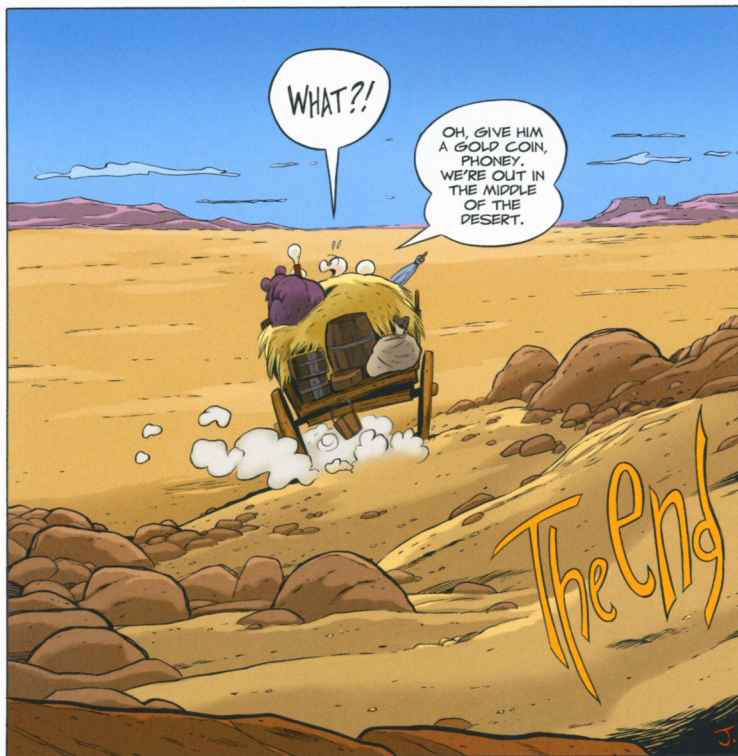
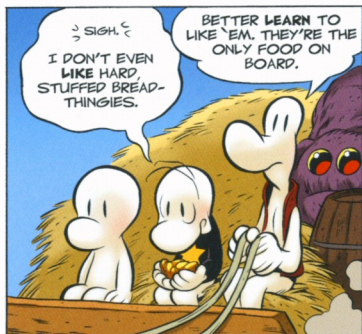
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TANEAL'S SCULPTURE, QUEEN'S SQUARE, ATHEIA

ABOUT JEFF SMITH

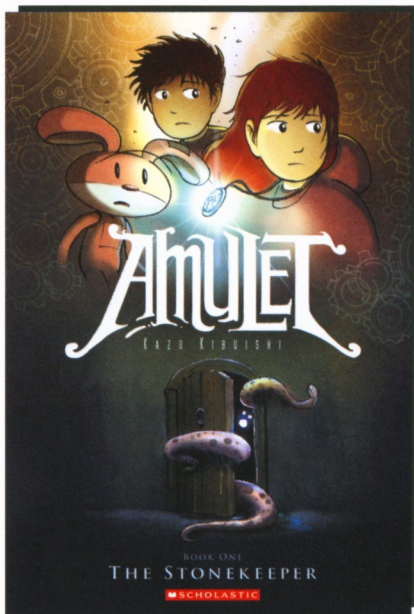
JEFF SMITH was born and raised in the American Midwest and learned about cartooning from comic strips, comic books, and watching animated shorts on TV. After four years of drawing comic strips for The Ohio State University's student newspaper and co-founding Character Builders animation studio in 1986, Smith launched the comic book *BONE* in 1991. Between *BONE* and other comics projects, Smith spends much of his time on the international guest circuit promoting comics and the art of graphic novels.

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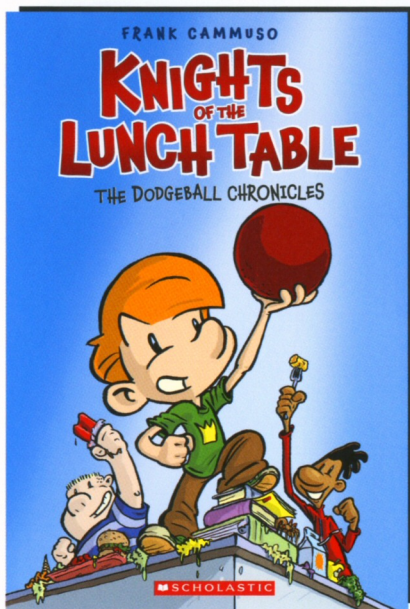
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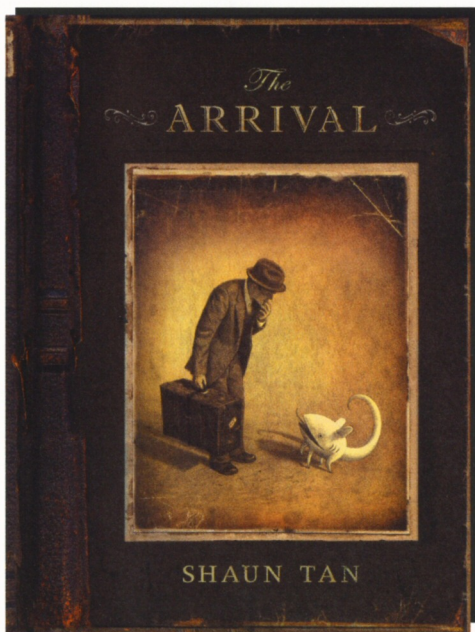


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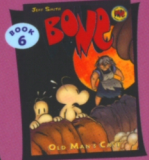


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